

Street Committee Meeting
April 23, 2021 7:30 a.m.

Members Present: Chairman Carroll, Porter, Mayor, Street Commissioner Alder,
Engineer Haibach, Engineer's Intern

The Street Committee addressed the application of a test strip of Reclamite on one of the Village Roads. The Street Commissioner said he spoke to the Reclamite representative who indicated the company was willing to do this, but it would have to be fit into their schedule. The Committee discussed different options and Carroll stipulated that it should be applied one year after the road was paved as recommended. The Engineer asked if the Village would be charged for it, and the Street Commissioner thought he could talk them into just doing it. Carroll stated that the committee would recommend doing one half of Bel Meadow Lane after one year as a test.

Regarding the status of bids, the Engineer stated that both the Lake Louise Bridge and the Road Program would be advertised Wednesday, April 28th. The Engineer expected good solid bid prices this year based on the proposed Road Program. The Mayor thought there would be a demand for asphalt and the prices would go up. He suggested pushing ahead with all the alternates because next year prices could go higher. Porter suggested seeing what the bids come back as. The Engineer said the bid closing date would be in May and Council would be awarding the contract at its May 24th Council meeting. Work would begin about a month later, depending on the contractor, and completed before the start of school.

The Street Commissioner reported that street sweeping had been completed and crack sealing had begun.

The Street Commissioner advised that only R&B Trenching bid on the unauthorized pipe which had been installed in the Village right of way under the culvert the Village had Buckeye Excavating install. R&B Trenching quoted \$8,800 to raise the pipe up and tie it in, and the Street Commissioner asked the committee if this would be handled by the Village or turned over to the Homeowners Association (HOA). Carroll stated that the HOA should install the pipe the right way with permits. The Street Commissioner stated that the HOA knows something must be done with the pipe. He clarified that the unauthorized pipe was inadvertently cemented shut during the Village culvert replacement because the contractor was unaware of its existence. Porter said that if the Village caused a problem, it should fix it. Carroll disagreed because the Village did not know the pipe was there and it was an illegal pipe. He felt the HOA should address it. The Engineer described it as a localized storm sewer, but with all sorts of things connected to it.

The Street Commissioner contacted Site Works and suggested running sonar in the pipe to track where and how deep it is because it exits the right of way at some point. For \$668, Porter felt this would be good information to obtain. Carroll agreed and said the information could be shared with the HOA. The Engineer advised that the Health Department would be doing dye testing and individual point sampling. For budgetary consideration, the Street Commissioner said the matter would fall under stormwater. The Engineer explained that the remainder of the

information would be obtained through the HOA's dealings with the Geauga Health Department to determine what is connected to the pipe.

Carroll addressed flood retention in the Fox Run and Bell Rd. location. Through the Fox Run HOA President, Chris Smith, it was determined that project would not be happen in the foreseeable future. The HOA is completely against it, and Smith was less than thrilled. Assumptions and presumptions were made. The Mayor asked if Smith explained why he approached the Village. Carroll explained that Smith said it was a casual conversation he had with the Mayor two and a half years ago. Carroll explained that Smith was upset with Council and the Village and had sent an email relaying this. Included in his issues was that he made a public records request but had not received a response in a timely fashion. Carroll added that Smith had additional issues with which he was upset with the Village. Carroll reached out to him, and Smith was very upset and said there was no easement possibility, and he did not know why Council was going down this road. He said he never received the information he asked for from Council or the Mayor. Carroll tried to open the dialogue about the location, but ultimately, Smith said it would not benefit the Fox Run residents and declined.

The Street Commissioner reported on the status of Senior Trash pick-up and the Village Trash Day. The Street Commissioner reported that a new electronics disposal contractor would provide this service. Porter asked if the Village would be getting a tire grant, and the Street Commissioner said that it would be getting \$1,700. Russell Township would be providing a loader and two workers.

Regarding the fuel shed door, the Street Commissioner contacted the State Fire Marshall about enclosing the fuel tank by putting a door on to keep the birds out. Carroll clarified that the Fire Marshall approved this, and the Street Commissioner concurred and added with proper ventilation. Carroll asked if this project was in the Street Commissioner's budget, and he said no. Carroll asked the Street Commissioner to get the committee definitive pricing as quickly as possible so that the budget could be amended accordingly.

The Street Commissioner said that the Village has the opportunity to purchase a salt truck but there is a small window of opportunity and it is closing. It is tentatively sold to the Village if the Village wants it, but it is also sold to another company if the Village does not want it. He said he would provide the seller with an answer about moving forward after this meeting. They could deliver the truck and the Village could retain ownership today and not have to make any payments for 12 months. There is also a five- or seven-year lease. Porter asked the cost of the lease, and the Street Commissioner did not have this information. Carroll said that typically the Village buys items. Regarding purchase, Carroll advised that it must be brought to full Council for approval. His recommendation would be to do an outright purchase for \$144,231. Porter said the Fiscal Officer should be informed about this. The Street Commissioner advised that if the Village did not purchase this truck, it would be six months to order a cab and chassis and over 12 months to get the truck and the drive. Porter clarified that the proposed truck is ready to go, and the Street Commissioner said it must be painted and the plow changed to an eleven-foot plow. Those items are included in the quote. Carroll stressed the committee have the correct price for the truck. The Street Commissioner would let the seller know the Village is moving forward, and the Mayor stated yes.

The Mayor asked if the Village should purchase another truck next year, and Carroll explained the goal would be to have five years between trucks. Carroll said he hoped to have a capital replacement schedule prepared for this year's budget hearings.

Regarding the Tea House, the Street Commissioner stated that it is in place, but the floor is not in. When the ground hardens in the summertime, the Street Commissioner said a brick floor will be installed.

The Street Commissioner addressed replacement of the 17-year-old mower. Carroll asked if it had been budgeted and approved for this year, and the Street Commissioner stated yes. Carroll directed him to move forward with it.

The desktop computer in the Service Garage needs to be replaced. The Street Commissioner priced one at Microcenter for \$849 plus \$80 to transfer files. He has a \$1,000 computer line item.

The Engineer addressed Country Estates. For the past twelve years, there have been recurring issues. There is a 36" storm sewer on Bell Rd. that discharges into Pond 1 on the corner of Bell Rd. and Spring St. This storm sewer picks up a good portion of the park, Bell Rd., and lateral drainage. It goes through Pond 1, comes across through a 36" pipe that connects Pond 1 to Pond 2. From Pond 2, it goes to Pond 3 via an overgrown swale in this area and there is no easement. The Engineer verified it is on private property and is not functioning well. At Pond 3, the discharge is a 12" culvert installed by the homeowner years ago. It replaced a swale. 36" of water does not fit down a 12" pipe. The Engineer explained that the water from Pond 2 overflows and goes towards Alderwood. There is a 21" pipe that runs down Anglers and picks up all Anglers Drive and all the houses on Anglers. The 21" pipe discharges to a hole and there is nowhere for it to go. The 21" pipe belongs to the Village and there is an easement to it. He explained that there used to be a swale here connecting Pond 3 and Pond 4.

Porter concluded that the residents for Pond 2 to Pond 3 need to clean out their swale and for Pond 3 to Pond 4, the Village needs to do something. Carroll stated that it is all private property, and Porter said except for the 21" pipe with an easement. The Engineer stated that there was nothing wrong with the pipe. The location where it discharges is the problem, and it used to be a swale. Carroll thought the HOA should have maintained the swale, and the Engineer agreed. The Engineer said this is not news to the HOA.

The Engineer stated a survey should be conducted to find out how much excavation needs to happen and how much material must be removed to establish a swale in the two areas. The survey would cost about \$8,000, including a survey of the Village and MC Art properties. Carroll suggested speaking to the Solicitor as well because of the private property issues. He said that after conducting the survey, if it turns out the Village cannot do it, the information can be provided to the HOA.

Porter said he could appreciate the feelings of the residents that the Village pipes are involved, and they carry water to their ponds. However, he noted that the ponds are on private property. Porter acknowledged that with stormwater there are residents upstream and residents downstream who will feel the problems are not theirs. He viewed this as conducting the engineering work for informational purposes for the Village but also for the benefit of the

residents. Carroll agreed and added that actually doing the work would be a deeper conversation.

Carroll said it was important to be cautious with how the Village gets involved with water issues on private property. Carroll suggested that if work were to be done, permanent easements should be obtained, and not at the cost of \$18,000.

Carroll asked if this would qualify for a 319 grant, and the Engineer said it would because it would be restoring the stream and making a swale. He explained that easements would be required as with Manor Brook.

With regard to the survey, the Mayor asked what would happen if the residents who control the property between Pond 2 and 3 deny the Village access. Porter stated that the Village should not fight it if they do not want the Village's help. Carroll concurred. Porter asked if the Mayor thought there would be residents who resist this, and the Mayor said yes. The Solicitor suggested getting easements from the residents who were willing. The Engineer explained that he does not need an easement for the survey, just an access agreement.

The Mayor explained that one of the properties involved is in the process of being transferred. The homeowner needs something that states this matter is not something that will be an issue for the new homeowner. Porter said that the Village cannot guarantee her anything other than that the Village is considering doing the survey to resolve the issue. Porter emphasized that no promises will be made about what the Village will do in the future and as such, the Village cannot commit to spending money other than for a survey to determine a remedy.

The Mayor asked if the Engineer would address Teaberry. The Engineer stated that between Pond 3, Buttonbush, and Teaberry, the residents have complained about standing water, but the Engineer explained that this is where the water table is. The only issue the Teaberry residents can claim with flooding from the pond is when the 12" pipe is plugged, the water backs up into their yard. This is a Country Estates issue. Nothing the Village will do will fix their water table issue, however, according to the Engineer. These are separate issues.

The committee discussed the homes that also experience sewage backup, and the Engineer explained that in a large storm event, the sanitary sewer pipes become overwhelmed with storm water. The floor drains in the residents' basements are connected to the sanitary sewer and when the stormwater combines with the sanitary sewer, it backs up into the basements. The Street Commissioner stated that the County conducted tests and could not determine where the stormwater is getting into the sanitary sewer.

The Mayor stated that Kyle Canter and Keith Roberts would be attending the meeting to determine when the Village would be dredging the Sugar Bush silt pond. The Mayor asked if this was the wise thing to do before Manor Brook or after Manor Brook. He reminded the committee of the discussion about obtaining a baseline. With Manor Brook in question, the Engineer recommended not waiting. The Engineer advised the Village had been working with Dave Rickelman on this. The committee thought the Village had committed \$7,500 to this.

The committee discussed the issues with Manor Brook, and Carroll suggested exploring moving the 319 grant to the Country Estates issue. The Engineer said he would look into the possibility of doing this.

At 8:45, Carroll adjourned the meeting.



Michael Carroll, Chairman

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