

Streets Committee – February 3, 2023

Attendees: Chairman Chris Bell, President Pro Tem Mark Porter, Streets Commissioner Tim Alder, Engineer Eric Haibach

The meeting was called to order at 7:31 a.m.

The engineer reported that the Chillicothe Road culvert specs were finalized two days prior to the meeting. There will be a pre-construction meeting with ODOT on February 7 at 10:00 a.m. ODOT will be provided with a copy of the culvert prints at the meeting. The project will go to bid after the meeting. The project is expected to be done by the end of May.

The engineer will have the salt dome site plan to consider available by Wednesday, February 8. Despite the expected rise in cost for the project, the committee feels this needs to be a priority because the current structure isn't sound long term.

The county does not have an estimate for the South Russell portion of East Washington Street at this time, but the engineer advised that the cost has likely risen to approximately \$250,000.

Morton will be giving us an extension for the required final salt delivery. We are trying to avoid packing too much salt in the dome due to its current structural issues. The extension is because salt levels are higher due to the milder winter.

Commissioner Alder noted that in the Mayor's absence, he will be attending the upcoming Planning Commission meeting to answer questions about the proposed park restroom.

The Streets Commissioner gave an update, per Council's request, on the mileage used with the Building Department vehicle. He reported the following mileage: Mayor – 70.0, Village Hall – 78.4, Building Department – 48.6, Service Department – 3,294.2

Per Commissioner Alder, the Komatsu dealer called and said they have our model loader available immediately due to another customer backing out. The only difference from the order we placed is that the unit has Michelin tires as opposed to Bridgestone. The tires have the same life expectancy and a very similar tread pattern. Due to the tires, the cost increases by \$1,500. A budget amendment would be needed. The committee will take this issue to Council.

At this time there is no update on adding electric to the south side of the park. The Street Commissioner is still working on getting quotes for parts from Mars Electric.

Commissioner Alder noted that we still have not received payment from last year's metal scrap recycler. A new metals hauler has been contacted to provide two 80 yard dumpsters to be delivered the week of April 24.

The Streets Commissioner has requested grants from the County totaling \$5,756. This includes dumpsters - \$2,444, signs to advertise - \$1,056, and tire removal - \$2,256. We expect to have a final decision from Geauga County in March.

The committee plans to review road PCI ratings at the March meeting and expects to have a recommendation for the 2023 roads program afterward.

The Street Commissioner asked the committee to consider the opportunity for service department employees to work four 10-hour days per week during the summer months. He would manage to ensure appropriate staffing and would report back to the committee status updates on the program. The committee will consider, but at this time is not sure if this is more appropriate for the HR committee.

The current boot allowance for each employee is currently \$125. The team is finding that quality boots have increased in price. The Street Commissioner asked the committee to consider raising the allowance to \$200. The committee will take the budget amendment request to Council.

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

Chris Bell, Chairman