

Streets Committee – January 12, 2023

Attendees: Chairman Chris Bell, President Pro Tem Mark Porter, Streets Commissioner Tim Alder, Mayor Bill Koons, Engineer Brian Meluch

The meeting was called to order at 2:58 p.m.

The Village engineer reported that the Chillicothe Road culvert project is scheduled to go out to bid at the end of this month.

Streets Commissioner Alder expressed concerns about the Village Hall parking lot. He reported that some areas of the chip sealing job are wearing off. He is concerned that it will further degrade and feels that the material may begin tracking into Village buildings. The Engineer noted that the Village may have many construction vehicles on the property in 2023 for the potential salt barn project and suggested waiting until 2024 to finish the paving job. The committee decided that it will consider adding the parking lot to the 2023 roads program.

Streets Commissioner Alder reported that Russell Township is planning on paving Hazelwood this year and it may be advantageous to piggyback on their project as part of our roads program this year.

The committee agreed to assign the first Friday of the month at 7:30 a.m. as the regularly scheduled monthly meeting for the remainder of 2023.

The Engineer gave an update on the potential salt dome replacement project. He reported that the original \$325k estimate has increased since it was initially reported to the committee and council. Due to significant inflation, he is estimating that a new salt barn may be approximately \$625k. The Streets Commissioner feels that we can cut approximately \$100,000 by doing the land clearing and prep work in house. The Committee feels that once the final design is complete, a good plan would be to put the project out to bid to see what comes in.

The Streets Commissioner reported that our current lawn fertilizer applicator has offered to maintain the 2022 prices for 2023. The committee suggested that he work with the Properties Committee to bring this to Council for approval.

Per the Streets Commissioner, Geauga County water resources will be installing 13-15 flow meters this spring in sanitary manholes. They are hoping to identify where storm water is entering the sanitary sewer system in the Manorbrook and Alderwood area.

The installation of an electric meter on the south side of the park was discussed. The Street Commissioner noted that each commercial meter (like those at the corner of Bell & 306 and on the north side of the park) costs the Village \$94 per month. The electric bill is approximately \$7 per month. The committee discussed looking into solar lighting. The Mayor reported that he has started to investigate options. The Committee recommends installing the electric meter so the flag can be properly illuminated and if a robust solar option becomes available, the Village can cap the meter.

The Street Commissioner reported that we have approximately 1,800 tons of road salt on hand. This should be plenty to get us through the remainder of this winter. He is hoping to not have to order any more until the new salt barn has been constructed.

The Engineer reported that the Village has received an extension for the traffic signal grant.

As part of recent Trash Days, the Village has handled sending out all materials other than scrap metal and trash. The Street Commissioner reported that we have an opportunity to utilize a different company this year for scrap metal that would cost less for the dumpsters and would get the Village the scrap payout faster. The committee agreed to trying the new company this year. The Street Commissioner and Mayor are currently working on applying for the grants we have utilized in recent years for Trash Day.

A motion was made by Bell to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing employee discipline per division (G) (1) of section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code and inviting the mayor and Street Commissioner to attend. Seconded by Porter. All voted aye.

The committee entered executive session at 3:35 p.m.

Bell made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Porter. All voted aye.

The committee came out of executive session at 3:39 p.m.

The Street Commissioner reported that the Service Department crew will be attending excavator training with the gas company on February 15. This is to learn how to avoid digging up gas lines. They will also be attending various first aid and safety sessions throughout the month of February.

Mayor Koons noted that the HR Committee is interested in hearing about all or the educational sessions all employees attend throughout the year to have a better understanding of what employees are learning.

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m.

Chris Bell, Chairman