

Streets Committee – April 7, 2023

Attendees: Chairman Chris Bell (CB), President Pro Tem Mark Porter (MP), Mayor Bill Koons (BK), Streets Commissioner Tim Alder (TA), Engineer Eric Haibach (EH)

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

EH reported that the advertising for the 2023 road program will begin the week of April 17. Bid opening will be on May 12.

EH reported that the Chillicothe Rd. culvert project pre-construction meeting will be next week.

EH noted that once we confirm which bids are accepted for the roads program, those residents will be contacted about potential culvert pipe replacements.

TA reported that the crack sealing quote came in at approximately \$25,000. He noted that \$30k was budgeted this year. The work will be finished within the week.

TA stated that everything is set for April's trash day and that the crew from Russell Township will be assisting us again.

TA reported that a group from the Federated Church, headed up by Kelly Kimball, will be volunteering to do roadside trash pickup on April 21 from 3-7 p.m.

TA and his crew recently attended a seminar put on by the Bureau of Workers Compensation. He noted that there are grants available for equipment that will help minimize or eliminate worker injuries. The grant provides \$3 for every \$1 the Village spends on the equipment. TA suggested that a concrete buggy would be a piece of equipment that would be very helpful to move numerous types of heavy materials and help minimize risk of injury. A representative from the BWC will be coming out to see how the team currently moves materials and how the buggy would be beneficial. The rep will also review how the team currently mixes concrete and compare it to how a concrete mixer would help.

The storm water retention basin at the Federated Life Center was draining slowly. At the advice of the Engineer, the crew increased the outflow opening from 4" to 6".

TA asked about clearing the land for a new salt dome. The area had been staked out per Council's request. The committee agreed that we should move forward with the clearing.

TA reported that the last 100 tons of road salt arrived. We have now received 100% of our contract.

The committee discussed the 2024 road salt contract. A resolution will be introduced at the next Council meeting to commit to 1,000 tons.

BK shared a letter he received from NOACA that declared that South Russell has been awarded funding as part of the Transportation Improvement Program. The village was awarded \$1,019,769 for Bell Road east and \$800,000 for bicycle and pedestrian facilities for Bell Road east.

BK reported that he, TA and Chief Rizzo are investigating grants that can be used for the two potential crosswalks in the village.

TA reported that the team is going to be having a class with the State Fire Marshall about extinguishing fires. The team from Russell may be attending as well.

EH stated that stream cleanout is needed at 30 Woodside. We will need to get permission in writing from the homeowner before any work can be done.

TA reviewed a form his team created to potentially revive some of the broken headstones at Rarick Cemetery. The team will use the form on one headstone to see how it comes out. If all goes well, they will fix up other broken headstones.

TA asked about 10-hour days in the summer to take advantage of the longer days. MP noted that this is an HR Committee issue.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:31 a.m.

Submitted by Chris Bell, Chairman