

## **Streets Committee – May 5, 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 7:30 a.m.

EH reviewed the road bid opening. He noted that we received only one bid. Prior to the due date, EH spoke with other companies to see if they were going to bid. Some expressed concern due to the way the bid package was structured this year and their ability to schedule jobs/teams. EH announced that Specialized Construction was the sole bid, coming in under his original estimate. The bid received included: a) Base Work - \$51,000; b) Alternate "A" Woodside Road - \$189,274; Alternate "B" Maple Springs Drive - \$251,994. The complete bid totals \$492,000. The committee discussed how to proceed. The Mayor reminded the committee that the voters approved a road renewal a few years back that provides \$235,000 annually. The taxpayers may question the renewal if we choose not to use the funds they approved. The committee concluded that it would make the recommendation to Council to approve the entire bid.

TA reported upcoming culvert replacements in the Village. As of now, there are six planned for Chillicothe Road and five others throughout the Village. Work will commence on May 6.

TA reported that the 2023 street sweeping and crack sealing jobs have been completed.

TA reviewed the April 21 roadside cleanup for Earth Day. Since there was rain in the forecast, the Service Department team did most of the work prior to the volunteers showing up later in the day. With the volunteers, the team cleaned up Bell Road east.

TA noted that seven full dumpsters were removed after Trash Day. The Village received about seven tons of metal that day. The payout for that should be even with the cost of the dumpster rental. TA noted that with the grants from the County, the cost of Trash Day is diminishing.

The Mayor noted that the Fiscal Officer and Chief are PEP insurance reps for the Village. He would like to add the Street Commissioner as a rep as well.

The Mayor talked about a letter he received from a resident about bicycling to Gurney Elementary School on Bell Road. She is concerned about the safety of doing so. The Mayor will meet face-to-face with the resident to discuss.

The Committee reviewed the 2023 Large Equipment Replacement Schedule and Inventory.

TA reported that he met with the representatives from Ohio BWC. The grant has been accepted, but not yet officially granted. The Village will receive a 3 to 1 funding from the State for a power buggy and concrete mixer. The total cost for both units is approximately \$51,000. The state will provide approximately \$40,000. The Village will have three years to use the grant.

The Mayor recently witnessed the amount of stormwater that enters and travels through the culvert pipe under Bell Road and then enters the Paw Paw lake silt pond during a storm. He was surprised by the amount of water that came through.

TA reported that the Service Department team will be inspecting the joints in the culvert pipe under Maple Springs Drive this summer. They plan to accomplish this once the weather and water temps warm up. The last time this was inspected was September 11, 2001.

The Service Department team will begin clearing the land for the salt dome as they have availability in their schedules. The Engineer noted that he will commence the initial background work. He stated that construction is likely going to occur in 2024.

TA reported that the 1,000 ton salt request was accepted by ODOT.

The committee discussed the NOACA Tip program and the process that lead to South Russell's awarded funds.

TA asked about 10-hour days during the summer. It was noted that this remains with the HR committee.

CB communicated to the Engineer that Councilman Galicki asked about the culvert and ditches on the Milko property on Bell Road. The Engineer reiterated that the property is on a crest, there was not a pipe previously, and one is not necessary. It was believed that the extended apron was installed for delivery trucks to park, rather than sit on Bell Road when packages are being delivered up the driveway. The homeowner does not want the trucks driving up to the house. This is to help with safety.

The committee discussed a future where the Building Department office moves to another Village structure, affording an opportunity to turn that space back into a bay. This used to be an ambulance bay.

TA noted that he will look at the catch basin at Country Estates Pond #1.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 a.m.

*Submitted by Chris Bell, Chairman*