

## **Streets Committee – December 1, 2023**

Attendees: Chris Bell (CB), Mark Porter (MP), Bill Koons (BK) Tim Alder (TA), Eric Haibach (EH)

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

The committee discussed crosswalks and sidewalks. CB shared with EH the feedback a resident gave at the previous council meeting regarding sidewalks vs. multi-purpose trails. EH agreed that the resident made a good observation because bikes are impermissible on sidewalks. The committee discussed applying painted crosswalks as an immediate solution while continuing to work out a full plan for the park and Gurney elementary. The group agreed that it may give a false sense of security to pedestrians. The committee agreed to suggest a joint Streets Committee and Safety Committee meeting in early 2024 to discuss. BK suggested a public meeting on January 9 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss crosswalks and sidewalks. The committee agreed to bring that up at the next council meeting.

The committee discussed the salt dome replacement. CB reported to EH and TA that Council removed the dome from the 2024 budget for now until more detailed quotes can be provided by the Engineer. It was noted that funds were kept in the budget for the Engineer's exploratory work. The committee discussed salt domes that were erected in the past two years in Ohio – structure type, size, costs. The pros and cons of dome materials were briefly discussed. EH provided an update on the idea of rehabbing the current structure. Per the CT structural engineering team, the current structure cannot economically be saved. The current foundation cannot be reused or simply re-pour sections of concrete. It has already shown movement and would have to be reestablished from scratch. Resetting the dome on a new base is not suggested. CB noted to EH that we will need to provide a few options to council – fabric top, wood top – and include the potential costs and the positives and negatives of each variation. The committee agreed to suggest a joint Streets Committee and Finance Committee meeting in January with the CT structural engineering team to discuss options.

EH reported that the field work for the Chillicothe drainage ditch has commenced and his team will have something to the contractor in the next two weeks. Time is of the essence because the contractor is going to start seasonal layoffs in a few weeks.

The committee discussed the 2024 budget and noted that the large equipment purchases were removed. MP noted that there is approximately \$300,000 in the large equipment fund that could be utilized. TA reported that his team thinks they can work to make the backhoe last a few more years. A large salt truck will be needed in a few years at approximately \$150,000. Replacing the 1-ton truck was discussed. The trade-in is suspected to be about \$25,000 currently.

TA reported that the resident at 500 Manorbrook wants to give an easement to the Village outside of the right-of-way so we can manage a drainage issue. MP noted that the Stormwater Committee will discuss this matter.

CB asked about department staffing. TA noted that they were able to get through the recent storm with two drivers. It took longer than normal, but the team got it done.

TA reported that a potential new resident contacted him about high bacteria levels in the well of the house he is considering purchasing. The prospective resident wanted to know what the Village would do to remediate the issue. The caller insinuated a correlation between sanitary sewers and the well. TA will

advise the caller to reach out to the County regarding sanitary sewers and a water testing company to test and shock the well.

BK reported that a restaurant owner on East Washington inquired about adding sidewalks from the Chagrin Falls border to the businesses in the area.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 a.m.