

Streets Committee – April 4, 2024

Attendees: Chris Bell, Mark Porter, Bill Koons, Tim Alder, Eric Heibach

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 a.m.

The July 2024 committee meeting was rescheduled from July 4 to July 3 at 7:30 a.m.

TA reported that Bad Axe is scheduled to start the salt barn land clearing on Monday (weather permitting).

EH reported that two bids were received for the 2024 roads program. The base bid for Specialized was the lowest of the two (approx. \$316k). The committee will recommend to council we move forward on the base bid with Specialized.

After discussion, the committee asked TA to look into a quote for applying Reclamite to the roads we paved in 2022. This would include Garden Park (from Ridgecrest to the cul-de-sac), Garden Park, Louise, and Fairview.

The committee also asked EH to explore patch repairs on Countryside so we can push out repaving a handful of years. The committee also recognized that we may need to include repaving Reserve Trail in 2025, in addition to Bell Road west.

EH noted that the Village's share for Bell Road east is currently estimated to be around \$477,000.

Bell Road west crack sealing will be done this spring. BK noted that this road is starting to show its age after 10 years. EH explained some of the construction restrictions on Bell west and noted that the same restrictions are not applicable to Bell Road east. The committee agreed that the Village should explore creating a special reserve fund for Bell Road west, as it will be very expensive when the time to repave comes.

TA reported that the stormwater work on Fairview is scheduled to begin on Monday (weather permitting). The work is estimated to take four days to complete.

TA explained that a lot on Fairview has a storm pipe that was put in by the developer years ago. The current property owner may consider selling in the near future. He wants to know the Village's thoughts on the pipe, as there is currently not an easement. Without one, a new owner/builder may remove the pipe. The committee suggested that Public Utilities discuss this issue.

TA reported that 658.25 tons of salt have been used this season. The committee discussed the next salt order and logistics with the existing and/or new storage. The committee concluded that the Street Commissioner can move forward with a salt order of 1,000 tons.

TA shared that the state grant applications for the salt barn and park restroom will begin to go through the review process next Monday.

TA reported that the 2020 salt truck is back in service and everything is working great.

TA shared that the curb manhole collapse at 100 Manorbrook has been reconstructed and the curb replaced. The team will continue replacing these along Manorbrook throughout the summer.

The committee discussed purchasing more ground mats for the cemetery. After discussion, it was decided to make a motion that Council approve 15 new mats for \$2,850. This is to come out of the cemetery budget.

TA shared how a small excavator would be very helpful in the cemetery and with culvert repairs. A new unit would be \$50-\$75k and would get 15-20 years use.

TA noted that after speaking with the property owner, the ditch at 1548 Bell will be cleaned this summer.

TA reported that the resident of 131 Southwyck is concerned about stormwater from the park coming through their back yard. TA and EH did some initial investigating and found what may be a clogged pipe. They will explore further and report back.

CB noted a vertical pipe at 77 Belmeadow missing a cap. TA will check and repair.

TA shared that a church group would like to do their annual Earth Day cleanup on Sunday, April 21. Similar to last year, they would like to cleanup trash on Bell and Chillicothe roads. The committee discussed how this is not only a community cleanup effort, but it also helps with stormwater. EH agreed and noted that it should be documented in our annual report. Since the cleanup is on a Sunday this year, overtime will be necessary. The committee agreed that overtime can be used.

TA noted that its time to choose the military flags that will fly at the corner of Bell and Chillicothe in 2024. The committee agreed to continue using the order that has been used in the past. A motion will be made at the next Council meeting to fly the Marine Corps and Navy flags in 2024.

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 a.m.