

Streets Committee – May 5, 2024

Attendees: Chris Bell, Mark Porter, Bill Koons, Danielle Romanowski, Eric Heibach

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

The committee discussed the salt dome project. Neither the Street Commissioner nor the Engineer have heard from Blueline regarding the potential Ohio Senate funding. After discussion, the committee would like to recommend to council that the Village go out to bid a design and build program for a double wing salt structure. This will give us a firmer idea of costs. The engineer will provide the specs in the advertising. Per EH, have having CT do the design work – as opposed to including it in the bid – likely won't save the Village any money, therefore its not detrimental to bid in this manner.

TA noted that Blueline has questions about the competitive bidding process. The committee suggested that their representatives speak with the Solicitor.

EH reported that Specialized is still finalizing paperwork for the 2024 road program and he expects the pre-construction meeting to take place sometime in the next two weeks.

Per TA, he and Chief Rizzo have discussed the numerous accidents on Bell Rd. when entering the Village westbound from Newbury. The curve in the road continues to produce accidents and they feel that it's only a matter of time before there is a fatality. In an effort to reduce the likelihood of a fatality, TA received two quotes for a guardrail to be installed – Lake Erie Construction \$10,006; Great Northern Fence \$11,188. The committee will hear the perspective of the Safety Committee at the next Council meeting. If this work is done, a budget amendment will be needed.

EH shared that the drainage work at approximately 1581 Bell Rd. will be advertised in June, with the work being completed in late August or early September.

TA reported that street sweeping will commence next week and will take 3-4 days to complete.

EH and TA will be examining an inlet cover at 1552 Bell Rd. It may need to be replaced.

Upon investigation, TA and EH have determined that the water entering the property at 133 Southwyck is coming from South Russell Park. Since this is our water, TA received a quote to remedy the situation for \$9,000 from Watts Excavating. The Committee agreed to bring this to council.

The stream at 534 Manorbrook is overwhelmed during heavy rain, causing flooding in backyards. TA and EH will be examining this situation.

The pipes under the roadway at 600 Hemlock are inadequate. There are currently two pipes - a 24" pipe and an 18" pipe above it. EH believes these may need to be replaced with a 48" pipe, but CT is looking deeper into this.

TA reported that the Fairview pipe installation is complete.

TA received a quote from Specialized for crack sealing - \$8,000 per day or \$30,000 for four days. TA will ask Specialized to inspect the roads in the Village and provide an estimate for how long it would take to crack seal all of them.

The committee discussed this year's trash day. TA shared that there were 94 senior resident pickups – which is average. Per TA, his team reviewed the day and had three suggestions for improvement: no side unloading to prevent damage; no side door dumpsters; add a “Enter” sign at the PD driveway. Additionally, Council will need to ratify allowing the Russell Township employees' help on Trash Day.

The Committee will hold a special meeting on May 16 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss budgeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.