

Streets Committee – October 3, 2024

Present: Chris Bell, Mark Porter, Tim Young, Erich Haibach, Bill Koons

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

EH shared that the Fairview culvert project received OPWC funding. Final applications are due November 1st.

The committee discussed the low pavement on Bell Rd. East, close to Chillicothe, from last year's culvert pipe replacement. The Service Department will apply hot mix.

TY shared that progress is being made with the storm drains on Manorbrook. They hope to complete this work soon.

TY reported that two trees in the South Russell Village Cemetary are dead. His team will be removing them and replacing them with new trees. One thought is Japanese maple trees.

TY has observed many trees overhanging roadways. He would like to have his team prune these during the winter months while the trees are dormant. He will provide residents a week notice prior to pruning.

TY asked the committee about the dates for having flags on the telephone poles. MP noted that this is designated by ordinance, so any change in the dates would need to be amended by council. TA asked if we would consider putting flags on every other flagpole. The flags are getting beaten up and tangled. His thought is that by reducing to every other pole we would reduce the cost of replacements. MP will supply the committee with the ordinance so we can discuss further.

TY brought up the recent quote to replace the F-550 for \$110,000. This is for a fixed body truck. TY suggested to the committee that changing this to a swap loader truck may be more beneficial in the long run for the Village. Approximately \$128,000 would provide a truck with two frames that can be swapped out for different work, giving it the capabilities of three different trucks. If we add a plow setup, the cost is approximately \$177,000. This would give us plow access to smaller areas and potentially remove the need for three large plow trucks. The committee discussed the advantages and will consider a \$188,000 equipment budget request for next year.

The committee discussed equipment beyond 2025. TY noted that the backhoe is listed as needing replacement, but he thinks for a similar total cost it would be more beneficial for the Village to consider an excavator and skid steer. This would give more flexibility and efficiency compared to a backhoe. TY will ask for pricing so we can have a better idea of costs in the future.

TY made a request for the Village to purchase a tire machine and balancer for \$3,899. He has money in his budget. This will eliminate the need to take tires offsite and expands the capabilities for emergency off-hour repairs to Village vehicles. Our current process takes a laborer offsite for two hours while they drive the tires to the shop, wait for the work, and then bring the tires back. The committee agreed to make a motion at the next Council meeting.

TY asked about a permanent part-time or seasonal employee to help with workload. He suggested \$20/hour with no benefits. TY asked if this could be budgeted for next year. The committee will ask HR to consider if this is a viable option.

TY shared that the service building needs new garage doors. The current doors are rotting and the tracks need to be replaced. TY will get quotes and bring them to the committee.

The committee discussed the Cintas contract. TY contacted Arborwear in Bainbridge about uniforms. They can provide a package with 10 pants, 10 shirts, and a hoodie for \$1,352.25 each. Uniforms can be laundered in the Service Department building or at home. His suggestion is an employee package purchase every two years. Additionally, we can purchase floor runners and wash as needed. Chagrin Falls is going to provide TY with their contact for shop towels. The committee will suggest this route to Council if we are not bound by the contract with Cintas.

The committee discussed Rarick Cemetery and access in the future. The Service Department currently relies on the good graces of a resident who allows access through his property.

EH provided a packet with the new salt structure details. He asked the committee to review and provide feedback. Once reviewed, the committee would like to request quotes – not go out for bid -- this year to get an idea on pricing for both sizes.

EH shared that Specialized sent in the final billing for the 2024 road program.

EH reported the Bell Road east culvert estimate was \$140,000. The actual cost will be \$118,430. We also have a \$70,000 OPWC grant for this. The job will be completed this year.

EH shared that the Hemlock Road culvert replacement estimate is \$92,000. We have received a \$46,200 OPWC grant for this work. The remaining balance will be split evenly between South Russell and Russell Township. Due to the grant, work cannot commence until after July 1, 2025.

BK noted that the park pavilion roof is sagging, and the floor is cracking. TY and the Building Inspector are investigating the cause.

The committee agreed to schedule a special committee meeting on October 24 at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the 2025 budget.

The meeting adjourned at 8:46 a.m.