

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2020**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on March 3, 2020 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Vincent Weimer, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Jessica Fenos; **Council:** Dan Langshaw, Jeremy Dietrich, Michael Wos, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, Wastewater Supt. Mark Smith, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer. **Other:** Gloria Kacik, Scott Kriska, Paula Baranuk, Terry Obrock, Mark Colletta

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of February 4, 2020 Committee minutes. Moved by Councilman Marnecheck, seconded by Councilwoman Fenos. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study

City Engineer Mark Schmitzer states the Bennett Road sidewalk project we do have the information into ODOT for our scope meeting, we are going to be scheduling a meeting to go over everything with them this month in the next week or week and a half. By the next meeting we should have a lot more information, a lot better update for you guys at that point for that sidewalk project.

2. Service Department Report

Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi states this month once again is basically snow plowing and within two days we watch it all melt away. Then, we start up again. The only report that I would like to say we would like to go out for bid once the budget is all set after your meeting today for the Road Maintenance Program which is street striping, coal patch supplies, concrete work and asphalt work.

Councilman Marnecheck states crack sealing?

Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi states crack sealing we do in-house.

3. Rt. 82 Widening Project

City Engineer Mark Schmitzer states so right now they are still working on the south side in Phase 2 which is between the bus garage and York Road. They have been padding in the cement mix to the dirt to stabilize the soil which they have done throughout everything so far. After they get that done, they plan on placing curbs and the under drains for the curbs by the end of March with following up with stone for the pavement and then actual base pavement asphalt on the south side in early April. Then once they have that pavement done, they will switch traffic over to the south side and rip out the north side and then that will be the last bit that we have. Obviously, after they are done with that, they still have to do drive aprons for all the businesses, sidewalks along the whole route. With the schedule and the nice weather, we have had this winter they are anticipating finishing up in August of this year which is almost one year ahead of schedule.

The traffic poles have been put up, the new traffic pole lights, but they are not active yet because the sub-contractor has not been called out to pull all the wires and get them all engaged at this point, but everything is set with the pedestrian signals and the new traffic lights and everything.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Intersection of York and Albion**

Councilman Weimer states we had talked about raising the intersection of York and Albion again, at this meeting. Mayor I didn't know whether you had your meeting yet or not.

Mayor states our meeting is Thursday. We meet with her on Thursday morning, until we meet with her, I really do not have an update.

2. 2020 Road Maintenance Program

Mayor states those are on the consent agenda and can be put into place if we vote on the budget and if it gets approved.

Councilman Weimer states do you want to give us an update on the 2020 road program.

Mayor states, I do. I am in a bit of a conundrum. First thing I am going to pass out to you guys is – I have a list, what I didn't do, I didn't really feel like time wise plus all the work we have done since 2008 is actually get an updated road program, but I think this will tell you where we are at with the roads. I will pass this out, this is all the road work we have done since 2008; whether it be patching, who did it and everything else. If you go through it, it is quite extensive. What I basically did is that I took the last road program from 2016 and I counteracted it with this, to go through the roads that I felt we would need to do this year that is quite extensive if you look at the 2016 road program almost everything off the first second and third page of our program has been done and there are very few items left. I also have copies of what I plan on doing this year, normally we don't pass these out until we know that the budget has been approved because – but I will pass them out but what I don't want you to do is, we can talk about them but don't go posting them or anything because once people see these, if for some chance the budget would not pass, and people want things or something else and I have to adjust, something on here may not get done, I am willing to share it with all of Council and I can go through it with you real quick, because I am approaching some things differently this year with the road program. The first one you are going to get is for asphalt paving, the second one is for concrete work, those who had followed last year know that we started to do a bunch of concrete work like Timber Ridge, like that type of thing, where we are replacing and trying to save the concrete, some of the big concrete developments that we have and I think with this program being aggressive with it, with the concrete, I think we can save a lot of those concrete developments and preserve it for a long time, where we don't have to go in there and try to do overlays and everything on them. As you see, on the concrete one, we are going to finish off Timber Ridge which we started last year, we are going to try to take care of Royal Valley and Sherwood Estates on there, those are three of our biggest developments with concrete that we are going to do. Also, Progress Parkway we got the cul-de-sac to do in that part of the business park. If you look at the other one that has the roads that we are proposing for asphalt, if you look at the middle one, we just took the middle one, but that is kind of the middle price, but if you look, I crossed out Abbey Road because we are going to try to do – we are applying for 50/50 funding for next year and I also took off Akins Road from State to the end line because I talked to Broadview Heights they are looking to do their part of Akins Road next year so we are going to file a combined application for a 50/50 project for all of that Akins Road, but we are looking to do that next year. I crossed off Highland Drive because Highland is the one street that is connected with Akins Road and it would not make sense to do this year separately when we can combine it with that part of Akins Road for next year. Again, if you look at this, these are the asphalt ones we are looking to do in the budget there is about 2.5 million for roads this comes out to approximately around 2.3/2.4 that is where we are at, if things go tonight as is, then we are getting everything ready to go out and start getting prices.

Councilman Wos states I had a question, maybe for information or for clarification. I noticed here on the list the streets that are on borders either county border or city border, like West 130th, Sprague, Boston, it either

Medina County or another city. That is not, I don't see them on the list, is that because it is handled like a funding prospective differently.

Mayor states which list, the one we have done the work on?

Councilman Wos states yes, I don't think I saw it, I just scanned through it really quick.

Councilman Wos states, I remember Boston being done a couple years ago, but I don't see it on here, I am just curious.

City Engineer Mark Schmitzer states Boston Road was done with some patch work a couple years ago, we do have an intergovernmental agreement with Medina County Highway Department they actually just emailed us again about resurfacing Boston Road next year, so there is an agreement we have in place where we share costs but it has to be determined that a resurfacing is ready, so that is Boston. Sprague Road from York Road east has all been done in the last few years between York Road and West 130th that is planned for going out for construction next year for the widening of Sprague Road between York and West 130th which will be continued from Webster Road in Strongsville until West 130th, it will be a continuation of that. West 130th I want to say was done in late 90s, early 2000s that was all done that was our other border and we share that cost with Strongsville.

Mayor states I believe you are probably right those are combination projects too like with Strongsville, with Hinckley...

Councilman Wos states I am curious, I am self-interested, I live on Boston, it needs it, so hopefully next year that will be good.

Mayor states like he said they just emailed us a little while back, Hinckley looking to do something.

Councilman Langshaw states I have two questions. If I am understanding you right Mayor, the Abbey Road portion that goes from Albion to 82, you are looking to do next year because of funding.

Mayor states we are applying for 50/50. Obviously if we don't get it then we have to look at just getting it done because it is at that point. I want to try to take advantage and see if we can get 50/50 out of it.

Councilman Langshaw states my other question is with Mapleridge Drive, I know there was an issue with the water department had to address there was a water main break and there still might be some issues in the road way, if Council approves to be mindful of, it is kind of unique, it is one way, maybe there a way to look at the project, I know I am jumping ahead but add a little extra berm or something so people can walk. Obviously, I don't think folks want the sidewalk but at least something to make it a little bit safer.

Mayor states anytime we look at those roads like we have in the past, if we can add a little bit we will, sometimes it is possible, sometimes it is not.

Councilman Langshaw states but it might be something to look at, I just wanted to throw it out there, those two things, but other than that, I think it is really good.

Mayor states if you look at it, we have a lot of these streets that are dead ends but that is where we are at right now. We have done a lot of roads since 2008.

Councilman Marnecheck states that is not a bad place to be.

Mayor states it is not a terrible place to be. Outside of Swan Lake, which is on my list, North Akins was scheduled last year and it got pushed back so we are going to do it this year and most of the other ones are mostly dead-end streets that we need to catch up on.

Councilman Dietrich states for Abbey Road did we already apply for the 50/50, I know it is not my ward.

Mayor states we are applying for it, it is for next years round of money. I put the stuff in, but we have to wait until – when does that come out Mark do you know?

City Engineer Mark Schmitzer states I think they said around the end of April, we will have everything scored and let everyone know. We did apply, we already made application for both Abbey and Akins.

Mayor states once we find out we will see and if we don't get it then obviously it will be on the agenda for next year to just do because we can't wait much longer. Akins Road I originally had on the schedule, but when I talked to the Mayor of Broadview Heights, actually I had a meeting I had to go to over there, I noticed that their part of Akins was worse than our part of Akins so when I talked to him he said yes, we have it on our schedule for next year.

Councilman Dietrich states on the bridge over there that is scheduled when? That is coming up, correct?

Mayor states we don't have a start date yet.

Councilman Dietrich states I don't know if that can be timed together, obviously you are going to shut the bridge down.

Mayor states the bridge is going to be done this year.

Councilman Dietrich states that is what I thought, that is what I was asking you.

City Engineer Mark Schmitzer states yes, the bridge is supposed to start sometime this month in March. My guess is going to be early April.

Councilwoman Barath states the streets that are listed for concrete, how did you make that determination?

Mayor states by going out and looking at them.

Councilwoman Barath states I am looking at – some of the streets get filled and just wondering if there were filled before and now, they are at the point where you have to just tear the street up.

Mayor states just a little background we just used to do a lot of filling in with asphalt and everything, I know last year, it has been a couple years now where we started to try to go out and put the concrete out for bid because we found out, getting some bids from contractors, we have been able to save some of the concrete streets that we have versus tearing them up and overlay them with asphalt. We started even more aggressively last year, and when we looked at these, I actually went around with Nick the one day, we looked at a bunch of these and we really feel by going out and being aggressive with the concrete in these developments we can save these developments with all the concrete work we do and actually once we do them, they will be good for thirty years – for the next 20 to 30 years. They are not just taking out a piece and pouring in.

Councilwoman Barath states so they are the ones that we really need to be dealt with at this point.

Councilwoman Fenos states is it just eyeing it that we decide that the road needs to be redone or repaired or is there a schedule after so long?

Mayor states if you go, you can just tell.

Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi states some of these developments are beyond 30 years old, so you can tell that we have to do something drastic – save what is there or go in a different way to do it and start doing joint repair, and asphalt, but then you cannot reverse that and go back without tearing it all out. Two of these developments are newer, Royal Valley and Sherwood, they are still new enough that you can save them, you can do all this work right now and all the concrete, when you enter that development and you go through it all and you exit the other side, it is done and it is all concrete. There is no asphalt patching and there is no joint repair, so the newer ones take less if you save them early enough. Royal Valley has got to be 20 years old and Sherwood I know is 20 years old. It needs some work, if you let it go farther then you got a bigger problem on your hands, a bigger project that will take millions of dollars and that is hard to come by.

Councilman Langshaw states I think that the Mayor is absolutely right so is the Service Director because if you drive and if we can save them earlier the better, it is going to save us a ton of money. If you drive it, Royal Valley and my ward it is going to be a huge difference. Part of it is in my ward which is nice but other parts of the City it is good to see to rehab it. My only question to maybe the Mayor or the City Engineer is, I know the last time we did a street ranking in 2016, it is good to see on the list that you provided us, we have accomplished a lot which is a testament to the City's aggressive and infrastructure, I guess after we are done with the 2020 roads, is there any kind of plan with the Administration to kind of come up with updated ranking lists since it has been a while.

Mayor states we can look at that. The timeframe that we are in this year with the temporary budget and the time frame I didn't want to wait anymore to get a road program put into place with waiting for the weather and anything else. I actually went through the 2016 book, if you want to spend the same kind of time I did going through it and crossing off all the streets that we have done and see what is left basically you will see the list that I gave you as far as what was left with the highest rankings of streets that needed to get done so that is kind of where we went so I still followed basically the plan, pretty much. The only one probably, it might be on the first page is Highland, again, I am not going to do Highland – Highland is probably the highest rated street that is not being done but again I am not just going to have that done, I am going to do the main street of it next year, it just doesn't make sense.

Councilman Langshaw states if it is possible to have it on the City website or engineering, kind of like what we have done, is that possible? The list that you gave us, the streets that have been completed, I am just throwing it out there, it is quite a bit, I don't think people realize of how much has been done over the years.

Mayor states we will see. I just wanted to make sure you guys had it so that you had been aware of all that we have done and I didn't just pick these out of a hat. The only one that got a little bit neglected is Ward 4 because if you look on the list, the last 2 or 3 years Ward 4 had been inundated with streets that had been done, it was not much we still have that little piece of Bennett Road that we are going to do in between where the old City Hall, that is probably the one that got a little bit neglected, but again if you look back on 2018 or is it 2019 – Ward 4 streets that we did the last 2 or 3 years.

Councilman Marnecheck states you got Lodge, Rustic, Cannon Oval, Quail Oval, Stoney Creek, Aspen, Potomac.

Mayor states 2016 we did that whole Sir Roberts, Sir John...

Councilman Weimer states Mayor I appreciate you putting together what you put together and sharing it with us in advance of the budget, I know that was a hard decision whether to share it or whether or not to share it.

Mayor states I know that we have not talked about it much and I know if we didn't do it tonight then we are not going to meet again for another month and these would already be out there. If and when I get the go ahead, we are ready to roll to start and getting this stuff out to bid, I did not want Council not to have it.

Councilwoman Barath states I don't want to stir anything up, but the comment that was made you are looking at the streets that you can save, but what about some of the older streets that are concrete. Are you saying that there is potential that they could be asphalt?

Mayor states again, I have to see specific but a lot of those we have done in the past, they have been cut and filled in with asphalt and once you do that, then you almost cannot go back and do the concrete.

Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi states no, you would be chopping it up so much that it is not worth it at that point you are in the first step of asphalt when they overlay the concrete, they will scrap 2 inches off the top of the concrete, make all the repairs which basically what was done now then they overlay the whole road with asphalt like we did on many streets, that we have done for the past 10-11 years and they hold up very well.

Councilwoman Barath states the issue that I see is getting ready for the residents who are not going to be really happy because their street is concrete, they did not get a choice to patch it with asphalt and now are you going to pave it potentially in a couple years. You know what I am saying, so I am going to be dealing with, and I am sure that you dealt with it.

Mayor states we have and we actually dealt with it back when we did back when we did Stephanie and Christopher and all that and we had people complaining very much, but at the time it was, we could have done one of those streets or we could have done it the way we did it and did all three of them. If you go by there, they have held up very well. It is just in the past that is what we have done, I believe we are at a point where, and it is a lot. Right now, we can go patch a lot of these and save us a lot of money over the x amount of years to try to do other stuff. When we looked at them, there are a couple other areas, I didn't give them to you because I am not putting them out to bid but based on the way we are doing things I am planning on our streets department being able to do it. There are a couple areas in the industrial park yet, there is York Theta cul-de-sac and York Alpha Drive we are anticipating Streets Department, the Service Department is going to do. There is also Potomac and Huntington Close, we plan on going in there and fixing up what we got to fix up in there. Those are concrete right now, I did not put on this list because I am trying to stay under my 2.5 million, but we also believe that with the way we realign things that is one of the things that the Street Department is going to be able to do. They will be able to do more concrete work, some more asphalt work and everything in house. Those are three streets that we are talking about that we believe that the Streets Department will be able to do this year and save those streets.

MISCELLANEOUS

Paula Baranuk, 14173 Swan Lake Blvd.

Paula Baranuk addressed the committee and states a couple of things; you gave us specific streets, the concrete streets that you are going to be addressing this year, but you didn't mention of the asphalt paving, was it just too lengthy of a list or you didn't want to share that. I am led to assume that Swan Lake streets are not on there.

Mayor states Swan Lake streets are on there, and once we get things rolling we are going to have to get a hold of you guys because there was some requests early on about, you got a little 2 part street and possibly the off parking type stuff and when we take it out to bid we get that alternate so we can show you, if you guys want to do that as part of the project, what that will cost.

Paul Baranuk states so when you say Swan Lake, do you mean all of our streets?

Mayor states all of them.

Councilman Weimer states Swan Lake development is on the list.

Paula Baranuk states I want to draw to everyone's attention because you have mentioned the streets of Royalwood and Sherwood Estates are twenty years old while our streets are 26 years old and they have been patched and patched and patched for 26 years. So, thank you very much. Like you said, you sort of had a qualifier at the beginning of your presentation that may not happen and I totally understand that. And one other thing, you had asked Linda about how decisions become to and I know we have spoke with the prior mayor, Mayor Bob and way back when for any of those guys that were here around, they used to have an Excel rating sheet that I believed they paid for through ... so that is that rating sheet that everything has a rating on it, so that is being utilized?

Mayor states I utilized to figure this out because I did not want to go and get another rating for this year to update because I know that we have been very aggressive and done a lot of work and number two, the time frame and number three the cost.

Paula Baranuk states yes it costs money to get that done again.

Mayor states I went through that list and I started crossing off all the streets that we have done work on. The ones that were not crossed off, and after that we looked at those streets to make sure that we felt that they were still ready to be done and those are the ones that are on my list right now based on the budget that I am proposing.

Paula Baranuk states thank you very much, you brought me joy.

Mark Coletta, 8478 Royal Haven:

Mark Coletta addressed the committee and states the streets in our area were paved in 2017, I just have flooded water and blah blah blah all rolled into one and it has got to do with maintenance. We do not have any proper ditches on our properties. We have a creek that flows at the end of our roads by Parkdale, water should normally flow that way, it is dammed up. The July flood there is no over flow system where it can catch, what I will say, the east side of the road so it just doesn't keep having a water fall effect from street to street and flooding all of the mains. My question is, we pay two taxes, we pay Cleveland water for the sewer rates and how much of the money comes back to the City?

Mayor states sewer rates we do not get anything back. The other fee that you are probably talking about is the stormwater fee. The storm water fee we get 25% back.

Mark Coletta states okay, that is fine. I know there is Donna Friedman from North Eastern Ohio sewers is doing the water shed study for this area and I know this area is never going to be a huge top priority, what about all the rest of the projects that are needed throughout greater Cleveland, it could be 20 years so I want to know with the new Council, if anybody knew me from last year in May, I brought up the subject about the ditch that was dug up in front of my house since then everything I said came true, bad engineering, grade ditches wider, almost 38 inches wide where it comes out of the pipe starting to collapse and it is undermined, it holds water there. I just don't see what we are doing. You pave that road, you never made sure the road was crowned properly, the ditch on the far side of the road it dammed up and pushes all the water across the road to our side of the road, and that is the reason why the road washed out in the first place. You can go up the road and look, cracks have opened up since the July storm. No one went up and tarred it, nobody fixed any of it. I sat in one of these water meetings, it got me so mad I could not come back for a couple of months because the City Engineer made a statement, well there is nothing that we can do about it. I realize money just doesn't fall out of everybody's pockets, but there are things that can be done because most of that area, the whole thing is a disaster. Go over and walk down the road from Tilby, the ditch has got to be almost 10-foot-wide because of the water beating away, what do we do, we just keep throwing some asphalt in there. There is no concrete wall, nothing there, the road sinks, I just don't see what we are doing here to improve this. We spend good money, but we did not spend it wisely. As a citizen, I have to bring that up because like I said, I got ticketed

for having brick in front of my house, a pile of brick. It made more sense if he was going around ticketing people because their drains aren't open. I don't understand, this is all new Council led by a new Mayor, I just would like to see something start happening. I complained last year. I complained when I bought the permit for my pipe, brought the people out from the City and told them that there was no grade. Cannot put the pipe in, I put the pipe in. You come out and tell me that it is wrong, I wait for 2 years for you guys to come out and do it so I can pour my apron. I just don't see any type of progression where you guys are being effective to the tax money that is being spent. I mean you guys spent good money to pave that road. I don't want to see it lost, there is a sink hole on the other side of the road across from my house, nobody has ever identified it, it is only going to unbind the road. I am sorry, but I had to vent Jessica's ear Saturday over this.

Mayor states did you tell Jessica about the sink hole?

Mark Coletta states yes.

Mayor states so Jessica did her prudence and she has turned it in, and we will look at it. She has done what she is supposed to do which she turned in an action form for the sink hole. We are going to look at it and see what the issue is with the sink hole.

Mark Coletta states like I said the way that it is designed, that water dams up and just dumps down in the heavy rain storm and that could be controlled with the ditches, to split the water. I appreciate everybody, good luck, I am not a politician.

Councilwoman Fenos states in the meantime after Mr. Marnecheck and I came out to visit you, I got a call from another resident on your street further down with some similar issues as well. There is some focus on that street in particular.

Mark Coletta states everybody has complained but they probably haven't complained at the right spot.

Councilwoman Fenos states I would go out there and fix it for you if I could.

Mark Coletta states the ditches should really be sloped; they are never going to stay. North Eastern Ohio sewer has a ditch that they designed for different soils, I don't know why we are not following that, we are paying for all of that stuff, we are paying them, they have the designs. We are digging ditches that are going to collapse, makes no sense. You drive down Sprague Road and it makes me sick to see all of the water laying in the street there, right next to all of the ditches because nothing flows. I think that the community is better than that myself. I realize it is an older community where I live.

Mayor states Jessica turned everything in, we are going to look at it and see where we are at.

Mark Coletta states I appreciate that, thank you.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Weimer, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of March 3, 2020**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41 p.m.