

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 1, 2021

The Streets Committee meeting was held on June 1, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Vincent Weimer, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Jessica Fenos; **Council:** Jeremy Dietrich, Linda Barath, Mike Vos, Joanne Krejci; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Economic Development Director Thomas Jordan, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** Jonah Pichette.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of May 4, 2021 Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Fenos. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **Updates on sidewalks and connections**

Mr. Haselton reported that the state sidewalk project is scheduled to be bid and awarded in August, with construction to be completed by the end of November 2021; through ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation). In regards to Bennett Road sidewalk, there is a site meeting tomorrow with one of the residents to get things moving forward. Mr. Weimer suggested perhaps working with the Mayor's office to obtain pictures of what it may look like when it is completed; this could help answer some questions by the residents.

2. **Service Department Report**

Mr. Cinquepalmi referred to the monthly maintenance report, in which Mr. Marnecheck expressed that he is doing a great job. Street sweeping was finished up in early May. Timber Ridge was also completed. Shaker Drive is done with new concrete, in which some asphalt work will be done. As soon as the crack sealing project has been done within several streets, we have 1 1/2 streets left. Those are the largest ones; Edgerton Road going from 130th Street to Broadview Heights. The last one would entail Wallings Road from York Road up to east Wallings, and west bound to Broadview Heights. Mr. Marnecheck asked if this included the entire length of Wallings Road. Mr. Cinquepalmi clarified that it does. The contractor, Crossroads, completed Donmar Road and Highland Drive. Work was done there for two days after they were done crack sealing; some berming work was done. The concrete contractor, Set In Stone, is currently on Royal Valley, while also doing work off of Ridgeline Drive, Vale Drive, Princeton Drive, and Scottsdale Drive cul-de-sacs; that is going well. Traffic was moved over to the opposite lane today. We will probably be done with the entire concrete project in about one month.

Mr. Dietrich raised question about a possible second run in the fall season with street sweeping. Mr. Cinquepalmi indicated that we may potentially do that, especially in the fall when it is wet; the best time to do it. That is a one-man operation. We were fortunate that Wastewater created a dewatering process (removal of water), and everything that gets picked up gets treated and filters itself out. Two to three loads are usually picked up per day with the sweeper trucks and that is emptied.

Ms. Barath questioned if there have been any other obstacles pertaining to the Royal Valley project. Mr. Cinquepalmi stated there were no other issues. We are slowing it down somewhat by not ripping out too much in front of too many homes at one time; doing a few at a time. That is a long road, therefore, we are doing it slow for the residents. There have been no problem calls. Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that overall, it has been going pretty well. Ms. Barath commented that the area looked good. Mr. Cinquepalmi has been tracking the change order for the underlayment of the concrete found, and we acted very quickly. That was completed and approved. We are looking at roughly \$20,000-25,000 savings on that change order. Furthermore, we found that the underlayment of the road was only under Royal Valley and was not on Ridgeline, nor the cul-de-sacs. We

tracked the stone and it was as we anticipated. Mr. Weimer appreciated the speed in which it was handled and appreciated his leadership in that. Mr. Cinquepalmi mentioned the subject of salt on the agenda, whereas there is a new contractor that we desire to go with. The same amount of salt would be purchased, but a different vendor. The new contractor is coming from Canada and they have done work with other counties.

3. **2021 Road Maintenance Program**

Mr. Haselton provided one update regarding concerns about traffic flow. For Sprague Road, there will always be an east bound lane open, and the west bound lane will be detoured on Pleasant Valley Road. That project should be going forward. We are finishing up the previous phase between 130th Street and York, in which a meeting was held last week.

4. **Ridge and Royalwood Intersection**

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we are probably looking at doing more training here until next Tuesday for the fire officers. Then we will be scheduling the demolition, with timeline around the middle of June for demolishing of the house.

Mr. Weimer brought up the idea of altering that intersection. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that it would not be explored at this time. Mr. Haselton discussed that they are looking toward funding, whereas we are not going to apply for OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) until the fall; that is not awarded until the spring. Mr. Weimer asked what happens if we do not receive the funding. Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified that we would go out, if Council so desires, to find out an estimation for pricing and find funding to fund it.

Ms. Fenos raised question as to, if we might not know until 2022 on funding, would there be any reason not to want to bid it out, and look at the cost now; in consideration for next year's budget. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that if Council would like to approach it that way, we could do so. He went on to say we can look at what the estimated costs would be. Mr. Weimer wondered about the pros and cons, in going in that direction, and getting a bid. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that if we got the engineering done and obtained a grant, that money could go toward it.

Mr. Haselton noted that the detailed engineering to get a bid costs tens of thousands of dollars. Secondly, the bid has to be put together just before bidding occurs because of some of the regulation changes. He believed that the preliminary estimates approach over 1m dollars; this would not be done on an annual project. The only way to do it would be to bond it out as part of a larger package. We have some preliminary estimates already of what the costs are; in order to prepare the application for the outside funding. We are going to have a primary estimate as part of the application and will share that with Council, as well as discuss some things with the Finance Director about possibilities of rolling into a larger bond issue and getting the intersection done.

Mr. Marnecheck asked if the grant application would include the funding for the detailed engineering if we are awarded the grant. Mr. Haselton clarified that it would. Mr. Marnecheck noted that if we get it, that would pay for the engineering, therefore, we could hold off and perhaps save some money. Mr. Haselton concurred and mentioned that it is very expensive to do the engineering.

5. **Street Sweeping**

Mr. Cinquepalmi did further research, whereas we covered the entire city. The issue last year was that the truck broke down, resulting in having one truck for the entire city. That is where the idea originated of using an outside company. In short, it is better to research other cities as a backup plan. If the truck were to break down again, we would not have another sweeper. Another reason to switch gears is because of storms; at least we would be in an agreement to have help for clean up after big storms hit.

Mr. Weimer agreed to remove this off of the agenda while more research is taking place.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Jordan advised that he could answer any questions relating to the land bank parcel. It is the first parcel that is being sold into the program. The City has acquired over 24 parcels through the foreclosure process. A number of them were HOA parcels that actually had detention basins on them. Council approved earlier in the year to move them out of the land bank and into the City's name. We told the County that we would not sell these parcels, and planned to use them for a municipal Stormwater purpose. Under the land bank procedures, that is universal. When you have this, the land bank is a bank; it is meant that they go in and they go out. It is not meant to use for municipal service and that is why we did the transfer.

Currently in the bank, there are a series of parcels that are remnants that were acquired over the years. One of them is a part of valuable residential lot that is fully developable on Stoney Creek. In this instance for that parcel, there was an appraisal done. A lot of the other landing parcels are little remnants. In other words, odd little ones left over from a development and are unbuildable on the side of a ravine. We would offer for little or no value to the neighbor. This one we had to go out and obtain an appraisal; there had been a house on it. It has had an extreme amount of neglect, in which the house was taken down. The property has a generous amount of value to it and will generate interest. It will not be used for municipal purposes. This property is going to go for sale, and there is an application that people can fill out under our land bank procedures; in which there are two processes. One, if someone is going to build on it, they must tell us what they plan to build. Secondly, whether someone is just going to add it to another parcel, or to their land; they cannot be delinquent on property taxes.

We are very close to getting the website up in July. We are going to temporarily post this notice on our current website, however a better one is on its way, pertaining to banking parcels. Mr. Marnecheck talked about the history of this parcel, whereas, the homeowner passed away out of state, without a will, and without heirs. The Law Department had to do a lot of work to make sure that once condemned, no one would come forward. Mr. Marnecheck mentioned that it was a hoarding situation. They had to make sure things were done properly. The property taxes had to be deducted from the owners pay; it was abandoned with no mortgage. As Mr. Marnecheck ran for office every two years, he had seen more and more of the house decay.

Mr. Weimer talked about the location of the parcel, where one could build a house, or the possibilities of someone doubling their lot size. Mr. Jordan indicated that there have been such interests in both. Ms. Fenos questioned if the City had to cover the costs to do the cleaning out of that property. Mr. Jordan clarified that yes, under the foreclosure policy; we will pay ourselves. The County did pay for the demolition and did not lien it for their amount. Mr. Jordan felt that he could come back to Council with the recommended sale in a month or so. Question was raised about that process, whether it would be a blind auction. Mr. Jordan indicated yes, that the minimum for auction was set at \$61,000.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Fenos to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of June 1, 2021**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – May 2021

5/3/21 Mon.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out a section on Shaker Dr. Set-up for a Tuesday pour.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City; 12330 Ridge Rd. around catch basin and curb.

Street Sweeping – Start sweeping S.W. corner.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

5/4/21 Tue.

Concrete – Poured section on Shaker Dr. in the morning. Move to Royal Valley Dr. continue catch basin repairs.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City; Edgerton Rd by Thornton Dr.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Street Sweeping – Continue sweeping in the S.W. corner.

5/5/21 Wed.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out a section on Yvonne Dr. Set-up for a Thursday pour.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Street Sweeping – Continue sweeping in the S.W. corner.

5/6/21 Thur.

Concrete – Poured section on Yvonne Dr in the morning. Move to Shaker Dr. excavate and tear out a section. Set-up for a Friday pour.

Crack Sealing – Continue sealing Cady Rd.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Street Sweeping – Continue sweeping in the S.W. corner.

Sign Shop – Install new stop sign and pole at Quail Ridge Dr & Edgerton Rd.

5/7/21 Fri.

Concrete – Poured section on Shaker Dr.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Street Sweeping – Finish sweeping S.W. corner.

Mailboxes – Fixed leaning mailbox at 11106 Albion Rd.

5/10/21 Mon.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out a section on Yvonne Dr. Set-up for a Tuesday pour.

Asphalt – Grind out several sections and install new asphalt on Shaker Dr.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard. Install new high intensity signage throughout the City.

5/11/21 Tue.

Concrete – Poured section on Yvonne Dr. Excavate and tear out another section. Set-up for a Wednesday pour.

Crack Sealing – Continue sealing Cady Rd.

Patching – State Rd at Royalton Rd intersection.

Miscellaneous – Hauled away branches and cleaned up debris from downed tree at 16844 Ridge Rd.; picked up long piece of wood in middle of road on Stephanie Dr.

5/12/21 Wed.

Concrete – Poured section on Yvonne Dr. Excavate and tear out another section. Set-up for a Thursday pour.

Crack Sealing – Finish sealing Cady Rd. Start sealing Drake Rd.

Garage – Clean & paint offices for renovations.

5/13/21 Thur.

Concrete – Poured section on Yvonne Dr. in the morning. Move to Royal Valley Dr. continue catch basin repairs.

Crack Sealing – Continue sealing Drake Rd.

Mailboxes – Replaced mailbox at 7405 Cady Rd.

5/14/21 Fri.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr.

Asphalt – Install driveway strip at 4998 Wiltshire Rd.; patch potholes at 10622 York Rd and 10300 Boston Rd.

Crack Sealing – Highland Dr, Donmar Rd and Drake Rd.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Mailboxes – Fixed leaning mailbox at 3430 Royalwood Rd.; repaired brick mailbox at 20695 Evergreen Trl.

5/17/21 Mon.

Crack Sealing – Continue sealing Drake Rd.

Berming – Highland Dr and Donmar Rd.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard. Dropped off computers for recycling.

5/18/21 Tue.

Crack Sealing – Start sealing Abbey Rd from Albion Rd to Sprague Rd.

Berming – Highland Dr and Donmar Rd.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Install new high intensity signage throughout the City.

5/19/21 Wed.

Crack Sealing – Finish sealing Abbey Rd. and the new concrete repairs on Yvonne Dr.

Berming – Finish Highland Dr and Donmar Rd. Sent the crew to Persimmon Ln. to start basin repairs.

Concrete – Start catch basin repairs on Persimmon Ln.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Dropped off H.H.W. to County for recycling. Sweep Wastewater Department parking lot. Install new "Do Not Park on Hydrant Side of Street" sign; straightened street name sign at Ridge Rd & Bennett Rd.

5/20/21 Thur.

Crack Sealing – Start sealing Akins Rd.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Persimmon Ln.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Cleaned up debris at end of Woodridge Dr. Picked up large piece of wood at Sunoco Gas Station on Royalton Rd. Trimmed back tree blocking “No Outlet” sign at 3212 Perl Ct.

5/21/21 Fri.

Crack Sealing – Finish sealing Akins Rd.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Persimmon Ln. Excavate and tear out ADA sidewalk ramp on Persimmon Ln and driveway apron at 4872 Princeton Dr. Set-up for Monday pour.

Sign Shop – Cut broken tree branch on Edgewood Dr. Install new high intensity signage throughout the City.

5/24/21 Mon.

Crack Sealing – Start sealing Edgerton Rd from State Rd to B.V.H. line.

Concrete – Poured 4881 Persimmon Ln. basin and ADA sidewalk ramp on Persimmon Ln. & Royal Valley Dr. also the driveway apron at 4872 Princeton Dr.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

5/25/21 Tue.

Crack Sealing – Finished sealing Edgerton Rd from State Rd to B.V.H. line.

Concrete – Start catch basin repairs on Queens Way.

5/26/21 Wed.

Crack Sealing – Started sealing Edgerton Rd from State Rd to Ridge Rd.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Queens Way.

Sign Shop – Replaced red warning sign at end of Orchard Ln. Replaced pole for “No Parking” sign at 14875 York Rd. Picked up large branch in ditch at 10801 Akins Rd.

5/27/21 Thur.

Crack Sealing – Finished sealing Edgerton Rd from State Rd to Ridge Rd.

Concrete – Finished catch basin repairs on Queens Way.

Sign Shop – Put up flags for Memorial Day.

5/28/21 Fri.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City.

Tree Trimming – Edgewood Dr.

Miscellaneous – Cleaned up fencing debris on side of road at 15551 Bennett Rd.