

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 6, 2021

The Streets Committee meeting was held on July 6, 2021 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

PRESENT: **Committee Members:** Chair Vincent Weimer, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Jessica Fenos; **Council:** Jeremy Dietrich, Joanne Krejci, Mike Vos; **Administration:** Mayor Antoskiewicz Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Finance Director Eric Dean; **Other:** John Nickell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of June 1, 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 provided an update on the State Road sidewalk project, in which the City has to remove some trees before work can begin; he is working with Mr. Cinquepalmi. Some trees are able to be removed by the City, however, some work will require a contractor. Residents were made aware that is going to be taking place. Construction is expected to be completed by the end of November.

There were no updates pertaining to Bennett Road. Mr. Haselton is working with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) on some of the preliminary design. Mr. Weimer asked about updates on the previous conversation with a resident. Mr. Haselton indicated that he did not know of any update. The engineer, in which Mr. Weimer also met with, has been in touch with ODOT on the preliminary design.

2. Service Department Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi provided the monthly report. See attached.

He summarized what he has been doing over the last month. Royal Valley and concrete work were done first, in which we did finish the crack sealing grant program on all of the streets that were applied for. He is going to submit to the County for reimbursement. Meanwhile, our part of the deal pertaining to Royal Valley and the Sherwood Trail cement work, was that we do all of the catch basins; approximately 40 basins were done throughout the two developments. The cement contractor is down to the last one or two pours and will be finished with Royal Valley and all of the other work. The joints are already saw cut when the contractor pours, then what we do is open up the saw cuts deeper and crack seal them. That will happen potentially next week; our own crew will be doing that.

3. 2021 Road Maintenance Program

Mr. Haselton indicated that work on Boston Road began today. That re-surfacing project will take roughly 3-4 weeks. Sprague Road work will be coming up soon, in which a contractor has been selected; the goal would be for that to start this summer as well. He thought it will be substantially completed by the end of 2022. Ms. Fenos questioned who the contractor was that had been selected. Mr. Haselton clarified that the contractor chosen was Tri Mor.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that the house was raised and it has been landscaped. They are giving the grass a little bit of time to take. The Service Department will then go and clean up some of the property on our end. We had it surveyed and will clean up what we are able. There may still be a small issue with some of the area

from part of the woods to the street; which is not our property. However, we are going to see how far we can go, based on where the surveyors are. The hope is that next week after the rain, the grass can grow some prior to going out. That will be our next step; cleaning up our part.

Mr. Weimer inquired about the status of seeking grant opportunities. Mr. Haselton mentioned that he has been communicating with the DOPWIC (District One Public Works Integrating Committee) and the contact at Cuyahoga County. They discussed the project and were aware of it, whereas they recommended that we submit as much information as we can early on; that will give us an idea of how it will score. They are just ending the previous session and will be starting seminars. They will tell us the new updates about the new program, in which everything will happen in July. Submission would still be in the fall. We will get something to them as early as possible. Mr. Weimer noted keeping this on the agenda.

Mr. Marnecheck asked about the grant and the cost of the engineering, whether it was covered. Mr. Haselton indicated that it covered 90% of the project, therefore it may include some of the engineering; he was not completely certain. As discussion ensued, Mr. Haselton suggested that we may want to discuss options, as to whether we would want to consider a lower amount than 90%, to try and increase our points and chances of getting funding. Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know the lowest number that could be applied for. Mr. Haselton commented that you can go as low as you desire; as low as 5-10%.

Ms. Krejci asked when the intersection was expected to be completed, whether it looked like it would be around 2022. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that would be the correct timeline if DOPWIC does not come up until the fall. Mr. Haselton indicated that we do not find that out until the middle of the next year; therefore, approximately spring of 2022. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that while Mr. Haselton stays in touch with them, you can usually get a sense after submission; if not, a different avenue can be explored. Mayor Antoskiewicz shared that we do not always score very well because of the health of the way we manage our money. In short, we actually get penalized for managing well and we end up taking a burden on our end; percentage wise.

Mr. Marnecheck inquired about the timeline for the Ridge Road completion. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that would be next year. Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know if it was possible to bundle the two jobs together, whether that would affect our application. Mr. Haselton felt that it was not likely that the intersection would come together in time. The resurfacing would happen in the middle of the summer; next year. He indicated that it was highly unlikely. Mr. Marnecheck asked about contributing more. Mr. Haselton indicated there is a side benefit to that and it could be counted as our 10%. Mr. Marnecheck brought up the idea of being able to maximize the benefit. If they are paying mobilization and fuel costs to get the equipment there, we would not have to pay that if we have work for them to do while the equipment is there. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that there are two different companies that may bid on something like that. Mr. Marnecheck wondered if anyone has to do some of the engineering. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that they are doing it for the County; it is part of our 80/20 quota. Mr. Haselton clarified that yes, with ODOT, we are doing the engineering for that right now.

As discussion ensued, Mr. Weimer wanted to know if Mr. Haselton could predict whether restructuring the intersection would require a significant amount of area being torn back up. He commented that one thing he learned in the past, was that tax payers felt their money was being wasted. For example, when they see brand new asphalt going down in 2022, and then we have to tear a huge hole through it in 2023. He questioned any unforeseen drain work. Mr. Haselton clarified that only a section where the road connects would need replacing. He indicated that it would be a small portion of the Ridge Road resurfacing project.

Mayor Antoskiewicz discussed some differences in this case, whereas Abbey Road is to be completed; we share 50/50. He went on to say that we are already in communication to postpone that project, due to if we plan to do the sewer line coming down Abbey Road, then we are going to hold off to do that. Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out that, because Ridge Road is so large, he does not want to have to hold off another project for a couple years. He felt that because of how long Ridge Road is, we need to get it done quickly. He noted that fortunately we got the County to go in 50/50, and hold off a couple years because we are getting the sewers; there is a good chance we are getting the sewers put in.

Mr. Marnecheck brought up the first part of the resurfacing project and inquired if anything can be done when planning Ridge Road, when it comes to where the infrastructure or the utilities are laying; knowing part of that is going to transition from 'not' a through-way, to a through-way. Mr. Haselton did not think so, because we are just taking off a top part of the asphalt and replacing it, with no deep digging. Mr. Marnecheck asked about where the house is currently, if something would need to be changed to allow cars to be able to go over that space; for cars to be able to go over that eventually. Mr. Haselton clarified that no, he does not think that would come into the resurfacing plans.

Mr. Vos raised past conversation regarding a section on Akins Road where there was a culvert that was supposed to be replaced this year, and whether that was still going to take place. Mayor Antoskiewicz was uncertain; however, he would find out where that stands. Ms. Fenos asked for clarification about that area of Akins. Mr. Haselton indicated that it is an area that is undersized, where there is a lot of flooding, and referred to it as bottlenecked.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Simple Recycling

Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that he put this on the agenda for a couple of reasons. He has continued to get inquiries from Council about Simple Recycling. A couple of years ago, Council had passed an ordinance for Simple Recycling, in which we signed off on a contract. Since then, and with Covid, we contacted them. The company was supposed to send out letters to residents at that time, indicating that they were suspending their operation; however, they did not send them. We have contacted them in the last few months, whereas they still did not seem to be able to return the same as before. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that we have never made much money on Simple Recycling; it has been very minimal benefit. He suggested, if Council desires, to implement legislation eliminating the contract with Simple Recycling. Currently, he believed that if you call the company, they will come out. The City has had a bin and it was not utilized. He was still was not pleased that they did not send letters to residents explaining why they were suspending the operation; which would have eliminated a lot of phone calls.

Ms. Krejci received calls pertaining to this, therefore, she personally called Simple Recycling to ask them about when they were going to resume. She was told that they were not resuming and that we could go to their website for services. Ms. Krejci did so to see how it worked. She scheduled a pick up and they came. She mentioned that there are other companies that can be used to donate things. She learned that Simple Recycling does get something for the items that they turn over. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred that they are full profit, in which they sell clothing that fits their standard. He mentioned that since this was an ordinance that Council had passed, another ordinance would need to be done that conveys we are going to stop our agreement with Simple Recycling; if Council was okay with getting it done for the next meeting. Ms. Krejci questioned our profit. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we use to get a certain percentage of money for what they picked up, which was a very small amount; perhaps 500 dollars total. Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that there was no advantage of keeping this.

Ms. Fenos was in agreement. She was informed at some point that the company was trying to restart their operation however, that had changed. Mr. Weimer asked if anyone would have a problem with drafting the legislation to remove that contract, in which no one had objection. Mr. Marnecheck asked about the option of something taking its place or perhaps keeping the bin available. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that the bin has been available and did not think it had been picked up one time. Ms. Krejci felt that if we are not already doing automatic curb side, there is no advantage to it. She shared the idea to post different organizations for people. Mayor Antoskiewicz plans to take out the bin. Mr. Weimer commented that there were plenty of places to call that are available. Ms. Fenos discussed the curb side service and concurred that financially, it makes no sense for the City. As discussion ensued about organizations that provide curb side service, there was mention of services being done to benefit veterans, in which Mr. Marnecheck asked for more clarification. Ms. Fenos

brought up that there were other places that would give donated items to veterans, such as Vietnam Veterans of America. Mayor Antoskiewicz added that there were at least three or four more companies that will take your items; or example, Goodwill.

2. **Service Department Vehicle and Equipment purchases**
 - **Liftgate and accessories**
 - **Stake Bed Truck**

Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that we have a truck that is going on 23 years old. It is a very important truck for when we pick up our own rubbish. He mentioned that goes out once a week to pick up big items, such as refrigerators, washers, dryers and stoves. It is also used to transport food during the holidays from food banks. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that it is used regularly for the market on a monthly basis as well. Mr. Weimer asked if this is the truck with the metal sides. Mr. Cinquepalmi clarified that it is. The truck has had a liftgate and also had dumping capabilities; which was not used. The truck is completely inoperative at this time and is in bad shape. He discussed how difficult it is to order a truck right now, whereas people are waiting up to two years to receive them.

Mr. Cinquepalmi discovered an ideal truck on the lot at the International Dealership. He explained that to build a truck, and based on the last estimate from January 2021, it would have cost roughly \$106,000. We could purchase this truck for \$73,645.81. For this price, it is not everything that the other one was, however, we do not utilize those extras anymore. The truck is basically going out two to three times a month to haul chemicals to Garfield Heights, and to haul the electronics collected at our Saturday yard. Three to five times a year it is used to pick up food for the food bank. We could obtain this truck, or drive around with a number of pick-up trucks. There are usually 3-4 pallets on each load; one pallet per truck. He felt it was very fortunate that the truck there is already built to our needs.

Mr. Weimer raised question about what Mr. Cinquepalmi would have wanted that the truck may be missing. Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that it has everything that is needed. The truck is a 16-foot bed, a stake body truck, and has the ability to have the stakes taken off and the pallets loaded from either side. The liftgate can be installed, which is included at the total amount of cost. The truck is the same size and will do everything that is needed. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred that it has all capabilities. He felt that the truck purchase is a good idea. He recapped when Council had approved trucks last year, in which we are still waiting for them. Mr. Cinquepalmi talked about another truck that was taking a while to build, with being in line since November; it has not been built as of yet. Mayor Antoskiewicz brought up how long the new police cars were taking. He felt this would really be beneficial rather than having to wait for a truck, and that it was a good price.

As discussion ensued, Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that this truck is a completely different series and is not a pick-up truck. The truck is “diesel” as questioned. Mr. Marnecheck asked what the intent was with the other truck, for possible use for parts. Mr. Cinquepalmi did not think that was an option, commenting that it is mostly rust. He welcomed anyone to come and see the truck if they desire. Mayor Antoskiewicz agreed that the truck is in horrible shape, rusted, and it is really unsafe.

Ms. Fenos raised question if this truck was factored into the budget. Mr. Weimer clarified that this truck was not. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that he spoke to Mr. Dean, whereas we have funds. There would be some money back from the one truck that was sold, as he referred to Mr. Cinquepalmi. Mr. Cinquepalmi indicated that we sold a skid steer and a planer. Also, we will sell the other tandem; the transmission is gone. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that we are a little bit under the pricing that we anticipated last year in the account. Mr. Weimer expressed that this was a good idea and he was glad that Mr. Cinquepalmi found the truck on the lot. He confirmed with Mayor Antoskiewicz that this was on the agenda for tonight’s meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Fenos, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of July 6, 2021.** Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – June 2021

6/1/21 Tue.

Crack Sealing – Sealed Edgerton Rd from Ridge Rd to Bennett Rd.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

6/2/21 Wed.

Crack Sealing – Started sealing Edgerton Rd from Valley Parkway to W 130th St.

Tree Trimming – Started trimming on Edgewood Dr.

Concrete – Continue catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

6/3/21 Thur.

Concrete – Started catch basin repairs on Princeton Dr cul-de-sac. Saw cut sections on Hillside Dr for concrete slab replacement.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City.

Tree Trimming – Finished trimming on Edgewood Dr.

Street Sweeper – Swept intersection of Queens Way and Ridge Rd.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Fixed flags.

Garage – Paint for office renovations.

Miscellaneous – Picked up branches on Lewis Dr. Cleaned up around garage and yard.

6/4/21 Fri.

Crack Sealing – Continued sealing Edgerton Rd from Valley Parkway to W 130th St.

Concrete – Continued catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr. Saw cut sections on Hillside Dr for concrete slab replacement.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

6/7/21 Mon.

Crack Sealing – Finished sealing Edgerton Rd from Valley Parkway to W 130th St.

Concrete – Catch basin repairs at 10010 Brookside Cir and 9361 Royal Valley Dr.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Garage – Paint for office renovations.

6/8/21 Tue.

Crack Sealing – Sealed Edgerton Rd from Valley Parkway to Bennett Rd.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection. Set-up for a Wednesday pour.

Sign Shop – Installed “No Outlet” sign and pole on Wilton Ln. Installed “No Parking in Cul-de-sac” sign and pole on Lexington Ct. Installed two Purple Heart Veteran signs on Royalton Rd.

6/9/21 Wed.

Concrete – Poured section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection. Excavate and tear out another section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection.

Asphalt – Installed asphalt strip for new driveway at 5380 Akins Rd. Patched large hole in front of 9841 Applewood Dr. Joint repairs on Shaker Dr.

6/10/21 Thur.

Crack Sealing – Started sealing Wallings Rd from York Rd to Ivy Ridge Dr.

Tree Trimming – Cleaned up large tree branch in road at 11725 Akins Rd. Cleaned up tree branches off sidewalk/driveway on York Rd side of Timber Ridge Plaza (in front of Tony Maloney's).

Sign Shop – Trimmed back branches in front of speed limit sign at 8096 Washington Ave.

Garage – Clean up around yard.

6/11/21 Fri.

Concrete – Poured section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection. Excavate and tear out another section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection.

Crack Sealing – Finished sealing Wallings Rd from York Rd to Ivy Ridge Dr.

Miscellaneous – Delivered steel road plates to Cleveland Water Dept. for water main break on Iron Gate Dr.

Garage – Tear out old carpet for office renovations.

6/14/21 Mon.

Crack Sealing – Sealed Wallings Rd from Ivy Ridge Dr to Ridge Rd.

Concrete – Set up section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection for Tuesday pour.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

6/15/21 Tue.

Crack Sealing – Started sealing Wallings Rd from State Rd to B.V.H. line.

Asphalt – Installed asphalt strip for new driveways at 15162 Ridge Rd and 5861 Wallings Rd.

Concrete – Poured section at Ridgeline Dr and Princeton Dr intersection in the morning. Continued catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr in the afternoon.

6/16/21 Wed.

Crack Sealing – Continued sealing Wallings Rd from State Rd to B.V.H. line.

Concrete – Continued catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr.

Garage – Cleaned up and hauled away broken asphalt.

6/17/21 Thur.

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

Concrete – Excavate and tear out another section on Ridgeline Dr.

6/18/21 Fri.

Patching – Potholes throughout the City.

Garage – Build block wall, repair drywall and paint for office renovations.

6/21/21 Mon.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard. Replaced mailbox at 9860 Ridgeline Dr.

Concrete – Pour section on Ridgeline Dr in the morning. Catch basin repairs in Sherwood Estates in the afternoon.

Miscellaneous – Cleaned up with machine and hauled away debris on Woodridge Dr dead-end.

Landscaping – Landscaped treelawn at 4970 Redbay Ln.

6/22/21 Tue.

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

Concrete – Continued catch basin repairs in Sherwood Estates.

Sign Shop – Cut up broken tree limb in road and hauled away at 5237 Oakridge Dr. Cut grass at Service Center.

6/23/21 Wed.

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

Concrete – Finished catch basin repairs in Sherwood Estates.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails. Cut weeds growing onto sidewalk on Ridge Rd by Turnpike Bridge.

Sign Shop – Replaced street sign at York Theta Dr & York Delta Dr. Picked up illegal dumping of tires and trash on York Beta Dr cul-de-sac. Replaced “No Truck Sign” sign and pole on Abbey Rd. Removed Kiwanis and Garden Club signs on Royalton Rd due to age. Clean-up around Service Garage.

6/24/21 Thur.

Asphalt – Continue grinding out and install new asphalt strips on Shaker Dr.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out section on Ridgeline Dr. Set up for Friday pour.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Sign Shop – Fixed leaning mailbox at 10125 Foxwood Dr. Picked up muffler from vehicle accident on Ridge Rd by Turnpike Bridge.

6/25/21 Fri.

Asphalt – Grind out and install new asphalt strips on Ridgeline Dr.

Concrete – Pour section on Ridgeline Dr in the morning. Excavate and tear out another section on Ridgeline Dr. Set up for Monday pour.

Mowing – Arm mowed around guardrails.

6/28/21 Mon.

Concrete – Poured section on Ridgeline Dr in the morning. Continue catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr in the afternoon.

Asphalt – Grind out and install new asphalt strips on Ridgeline Dr.

Sign Shop – Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Miscellaneous – Cut tree at Police Station.

6/29/21 Tue.

Concrete – Finished catch basin repairs on Royal Valley Dr.

Crack Sealing – Sealed around Cleveland Water Dig repairs and new asphalt strips on Shaker Dr.

Sign Shop – Bennett Rd @ Lytle Rd fixed speed limit signs in Northbound & Southbound lanes, Castle Dr cut grass & weed whacked and stained fence. Grade back yard at Service Center.

6/30/21 Wed.

Concrete – Excavate and tear out intersection and ADA Ramp at Ridgeline Dr & Princeton Dr, set up for Thursday pour.

Service Yard – Excavate and tear out concrete & asphalt parking lot against Service Garage, set up for Thursday pour.

Sign Shop – Take down banner brackets. Cut up and hauled away tree in road at Ridge Rd @ Edgerton Rd. Replaced mailbox at 7415 Akins Rd.

7/1/21 Thur.

Concrete – Pour intersection and ADA Ramp at Ridgeline Dr & Princeton Dr in the morning. Continue work in Service Yard in the afternoon.

Service Yard – Poured section in parking lot in the morning. Excavate and tear out another section and set up for Friday pour in the afternoon.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

7/2/21 Fri.

Service Yard – Poured section in parking lot in the morning. Excavate and tear out another section and set up for Tuesday pour in the afternoon.

Mowing – Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Heasley Field – Cleaned up parking lot. Build up dirt mound.