

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
OCTOBER 5, 2021**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on October 5, 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, Linda Barath; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** John Nickell.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of September 7, 2021 Committee minutes. Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Weimer. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on sidewalks and connections

Mr. Haselton summarized that construction began and may be finished this week; with quick progress. In regards to Bennett Road multi-purpose path, Stage 2 plans were submitted earlier last month and ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) should be getting back to us with comments this month. Thereafter, we can push forward with different options. Mr. Weimer inquired about State Road, in which Mayor Antoskiewicz reported no issues.

2. Service Department Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi had provided a report, in which there were no questions.

3. 2021 Road Maintenance Program

Mr. Cinquepalmi advised that work is still being done in-house. Last meeting, they had finished up Royal Akins, which is off right off of north Akins, and then started in Spyglass; to do a couple of things that were needed. Basically, the team got to the whole list of what they wanted to accomplish; the last task would be doing some work in the Industrial Parkway, to keep that fresh and solid. They are trying to track businesses. As for the other crew, they have been doing a lot of tree trimming in the developments, which is usually done later when it is colder, however, they got a head start on clearing the limbs. They still continue to do the asphalt work.

Ms. Krejci inquired about the tree trimming whether they are tackling those that are overhanging into the street; that could create issues for plow trucks. Mr. Cinquepalmi concurred that is what they are doing. He explained that they go from the curb, and straight up, in order to keep people from hitting limbs with mirrors. They try to trim those, just on the curb side, and not on the sidewalks.

Mr. Haselton shared that the last two items were completed on Royalton Road. Construction is complete now, whereas there is a small amount of paperwork that needs to be done. Pertaining to Sprague Road, he believed it would be anticipated for November, but he would have his first progress meeting with them tomorrow, October 6th.

Mr. Cinquepalmi spoke about the sewer job that was done on State Road, which they finished today and paved it. He wanted to stripe it. They had to stripe the yellow center line and the white lines; however, it is more than just 30 feet; some of the other paint was gone. They are probably going to be striping roughly 100 additional feet. They were doing the asphalt and fell behind. Tomorrow morning that would be their first project, which they are doing in-house. That was the only thing not completed. Overnight they had put yellow tape down the center and white tape to help with the gap; tomorrow they would peel that off. When that is taken off, the four inches will be tacky and the paint will stick to it. They plan to remove the tape and take care of it.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Mr. Haselton briefed that we submitted the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) application on September 15th, and may hear something back in December or January, roughly.

5. High School / Middle School Crosswalk

Mr. Weimer indicated this would help the Middle School, if just moving the crosswalk to the other side of that intersection. Instead of crossing on the High School side for the Middle School students, they would cross on the Middle School side. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that he would talk to the Chief, in which a traffic person may have to review that. Mr. Weimer noted that this would allow students to cross directly onto their grass, verses having to cross that busy driveway.

6. Intersection at Abbey and Route 82

Mr. Krejci recapped that we would not be doing anything else until we are close to some construction. Mr. Weimer concurred.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA**NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Wos explained that State Road was open today, which is great. He spoke of the water main break there. When that occurred, the Fire Chief had contacted him to give a heads up that there had been a main break. Mr. Wos questioned if we are aware of what that was caused from. Mr. Smith indicated that we cannot specifically know what the cause was, however, when they moved the dirt from around the pipe, it split; which would cause a water main, a lack of pressure, or a severe leak. He went on to say that with the rust on the pipe and the way the head wall was moved, some of the stuff he saw coming out of there, was not something that happened over night; it had been going on for a while.

Mr. Wos brought up that we continue submitting for bad areas that have issues to Cleveland Water and we never qualify. It seemed to him that we may have an infrastructure issue with our water mains in North Royalton that Cleveland Water does not address, nor do they seem concerned. It continues to damage our streets. He expressed his frustration that we continuously have this problem and Cleveland Water does nothing about it. For example, he has a resident on the corner of Nottingham Parkway that has noticeable settling and damage, likely caused by having this water for all these years; slowly leaking. He felt this should be brought up. It was his opinion that something should be done.

Mayor Antoskiewicz mentioned that as far as the water main breaks go, Cleveland Water is responsible for them. When we call them, they do come out and fix the problem; if you get another one, they come out and fix it. Beyond that, we can keep applying, however, they have their certain criteria. He felt that we are figuring it out a little more to where we may have an opportunity later on. This is the way they do it. This one on State Road, he was not sure anyone would have really caught anything until this happened. It was on the bottom, whereas you could not really see it. The Mayor reiterated that when we call Cleveland Water due to a break, they come and fix it. All we can really do for the residents is refer them to Cleveland Water. Mr. Wos did not view it as North Royalton's responsibility, however, it frustrates him that we are having to fix things and pay because of the infrastructure; then when we apply for help, we are denied.

Mr. Marnecheck inquired about the reasoning that we do not qualify, and whether it was due to having adequate income, or perhaps he thinking more along the lines of Issue 1. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that was more like Issue 1. His understanding was that they often take how many waters main breaks you have had over a certain period of time; as one condition. Mr. Haselton concurred, stating other factors such as the age, whether there is

lead, and proper fire flow. He also noted that there are many older communities that score much worse on those items than the City. Mr. Marnecheck asked if we rise on the scale as we continue to have breaks. He wanted to know whether we rise up the list eventually. Mr. Haselton believed so, however, he thought they would need to change their criteria. They have a certain year, for example 1957, and if you are built prior to that, you score better; many of ours were built later. Mr. Marnecheck questioned whether it could just be that there may be none left from that year. Mr. Haselton felt that we are just a long way from replacing all of the old ones.

Mr. Vos recapped that when we had discussions about any new construction, we had learned that there was a better opportunity for us to get Cleveland water to replace some of those mains; 'if' we are doing another construction project in conjunction with it. Mr. Haselton concurred. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented that they will still go by some criteria as well. We have made efforts with a couple of applications. You could shrink the project and just apply for that piece of it, verses all of it; which is what we have not practiced in the past.

Ms. Barath raised question pertaining to a repetitive break, for example Bunker Road, whereas someone had several breaks. She wanted to know if that would be considered a smaller piece to be applicable. Mayor Antoskiewicz suggested perhaps we could apply for a smaller section of Bunker Road in a certain area. Mr. Haselton noted that Cleveland Water provides a map and we know where they think our worst areas are. We focused on that before and combined it with the construction project, which we did better; however, we were still not qualified.

Mr. Marnecheck asked if it is a rolling application or is this two times a year in applying. Mr. Haselton clarified that it is two times a year. Mr. Marnecheck questioned when was the next one. Mr. Haselton indicated that it would be around February.

Mr. Kelly conveyed that from a historical perspective, it was not that long ago that the City had the full responsibility for the maintenance of all of these water mains. We made a contract with Cleveland Water to essentially sell all of them back, which relieved the City of all of the future liability. They assumed an enormous liability when they took over our water system, that they did not have to do. Some communities are reluctant to sell the water main back, and it always seemed to Mr. Kelly to be a foolish position to take; because all of the water mains are 50-100 years old. While we might be disturbed with the fact that they are not fixing them timely, or that we do not rise up on the score board, ultimately the dollar responsibility for the replacement of these water mains is on Cleveland Water now; thanks to that agreement made years ago, roughly nine. He wanted everyone to bear this in mind. Historically they have been a good partner for us and we have had a good relationship with Cleveland Water for a long time.

ADD SPRAGUE ROAD TO FUTURE AGENDA

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Ms. Fenos to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of October 5, 2021**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – September 2021

9/7/21 Tue.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out section on Tanglewood Dr, set up for Wednesday pour.

Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Abbey Rd.

Picked up bag of trash dumped on Ridge Rd by Turnpike Bridge.

9/8/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Tanglewood Dr.

Grind out and install new asphalt at 16874 Ridge Rd.

Patched potholes at 6631 Glenwillow Dr and 13855 Ridge Rd.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Picked up broken tree lawn tree branches at 9760 Beechwood Dr.

Repaired landscape damage at 14062 Ashley Ln.

Dropped off computers and electronics for recycling.

9/9/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out another section on Tanglewood Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Continue grading in back yard at Service Center.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

9/10/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on Tanglewood Dr.

Continue grading in back yard at Service Center.

Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.

9/13/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out section on Bridgewater Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Crack sealed around new concrete on Royal Valley Dr.

9/14/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Bridgewater Dr.

Crack sealed around new concrete on Royal Valley Dr.

Sprayed bees on Stop Sign at Titan Dr & Apollo Dr.

9/15/21 Wed.

Excavate and tear out section on Waterford Dr, set up for Thursday pour.

Install asphalt strip for new driveway at 8708 Royalhaven Dr.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Sherwood Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Haul away asphalt and concrete from Service Yard to plant.

Dropped off H.H.W. to county for recycling.

Reinstalled Veteran Banner that fell down.

Cut back tree to ditch line on State Rd south of Wiltshire Rd.

9/16/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section on Waterford Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Waterford Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Crack sealed Heasley Field parking lot, Abbey Rd and Vista Dr.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Replaced missing "Stop" sign and pole at Hickory Ln & Cedarwood Dr.

9/17/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on Waterford Dr.

Crack sealed Abbey Rd and Sherwood Development.

9/20/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Installed Veteran Banner.

Excavate and tear out concrete section on Bridgewater Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Royal Akins Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

9/21/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Bridgewater Dr.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees on Dublin Dr, Royal Valley Dr, Ivy Ridge Dr and Southampton Dr.

Cut up and hauled away tree at City Hall that broke in half.

Straightened street sign at Dublin Dr & Royal Valley Dr.

9/22/21 Wed.

Excavate and tear out concrete section on Waterford Dr, set up for Friday pour.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

Cut up and hauled away tree in road across from 12900 Edgerton Rd.

9/23/21 Thur.

Saw cut on Potomac Dr & Foxwood Dr for concrete repairs.

Landscape around concrete repairs in Spyglass Development.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees on Foxwood Dr and Royal Valley Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Repaired two Veteran Banner brackets.

Cleaned up loose stones in front of driveway at 10801 State Rd.

9/24/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on Waterford Dr. Excavate and tear out concrete section Foxwood Dr.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Installed "No Parking in Cul-de-sac" sign and post on Chippewa Path.

9/27/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out concrete section on Hilary Dr @ Wallings Rd, set up for Tuesday pour.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Repaired mailbox at 9861 River Oaks Dr.

Installed "No Outlet" sign and post on Villa Grande Dr @ Lisa Ln.

Cleaned up gravel/concrete in the 7000 block of Cady Rd.

9/28/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Hilary Dr @ Wallings Rd and on Foxwood Dr.

Removed tree stump grindings and cleaned out mulch beds around City Hall building.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Replaced broken side pole at vacant lot next to 11907 Royalton Rd.

Installed Homestead Cir sign with arrow at Heritage Trl.

Replaced "Yield" sign pole at Royalton Rd & Bennett Rd.

Cleaned up grass clipping in road at 4861 Royalton Rd.

Replaced mailbox at 12842 Kingston Way.

9/29/21 Wed.

Excavate and tear out concrete and asphalt behind City Hall.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Reinstalled Veteran Banner that fell down.

Patched potholes on Royalwood Rd by St Albert exit, pothole at 9675 Ridge Rd, and curb in front of 12697 Gardenside Dr.

Asphalt repair water dig across from 5360 Edgerton Rd.

Installed new asphalt ramp for turnaround on Chippewa Path.

9/30/21 Thur.

Continue excavation and tear out concrete and asphalt behind City Hall, set up for Friday pour.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Installed property border posts in back yard at Service Center.

10/1/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section behind City Hall. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Monday pour.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Cleaned up around garage, Service Yard and organized tool cage.