

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 3, 2021**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on November 3, 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, Michael Wos, Linda Barath; Administration: Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Thomas Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Law Director Tom Kelly; **Other:** Vern Blaze.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of October 5, 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**

Mayor Antoskiewicz began by reminding everyone that Mr. Dean would be leaving on November 10<sup>th</sup>. We are in the process of hiring a new full time Finance Director, however, that will take some time. Between that time, we have been fortunate to find Vernon Blaze, the part time Finance Director for the City of Independence. We would like to put him on as Finance Director on a temporary basis, so that we have someone to help bridge that gap.

Mr. Blaze expressed his appreciation in being here. He has been involved in the City of Independence for roughly 37 years. He noted that he has a lot of municipal government experience. He felt that he could work well with the legislative body. He had met with Mr. Dean and the Mayor, and felt it would not be a problem to assist for a short time; to help get us through until the end of the year.

Mr. Haselton provided an update on the State Road side walk project, which was finished in about a week. We had a walk through with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation). The only item was getting the vegetation going; once that is done, it would be finished. For Bennett Road, we did receive our stage 2 comments from ODOT, in which nothing really stood out to him. Currently, we are working on the easements. It only affects two residents at this point, whereas Mr. Haselton has spoken to one and was waiting to speak to the other; to let them know that the easement will be coming.

**2. Service Department Report**

Mr. Weimer expressed his appreciation to Mr. Cinquepalmi, in continuing to provide the helpful information. Mr. Cinquepalmi added that we are transitioning. It is that time of year, as we are transitioning some of the available salt. We have three trucks built; we are still using the other three. We have a new salt provider, in which we had to wait until November 1<sup>st</sup> until the old contract expired. We will be ordering salt approximately next week. We are saving a lot of money going with the new salt mine, and we will be able to see how the product is soon.

Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that they were still doing concrete work, asphalt work; clean-up work. By the next meeting, they would be set up with all of the trucks and ready to go for the winter season. Mr. Weimer asked if all the trucks were in good shape or if there were any concerns. Mr. Cinquepalmi had no concerns; every truck was working properly. We will have a couple of issues with a small number of pick-ups with some warranty work, however, the large trucks will all be ready. We have worked on all of the bodies, whatever was needed; which we like to do before it gets loaded with salt. He advised that they would be prepared for the winter.

Mr. Marnecheck asked when they were going to go to shifts. Mr. Cinquepalmi clarified that they go to shifts right after Thanksgiving; the first Sunday after. The shift starts at 11 p.m. that Sunday night; which would be third shift.

### 3. **2021 Road Maintenance Program**

Mr. Cinquepalmi reported that the 2021 program was complete. We actually had the cement contractor come back last week and do some concrete work at City Hall. It was too large for us to manage with curbing; we are set with them. In February, we will start up again. We will go out to bid and hopefully get some good pricing, in which prices have increased; concrete, stone, fuel. We had excellent pricing this past year; which was the best that we ever had.

### 4. **Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection**

Mr. Haselton indicated that it was submitted to OPWC, therefore, they are doing their reviewing. We think we will hear something back later in the year.

### 5. **High School / Middle School Crosswalk**

Mayor Antoskiewicz requested that this one be moved to Safety and he would have the Chief report on it.

MOVE TO SAFETY COMMITTEE

### 6. **Sprague Road**

Mr. Haselton reported that the contractor started on Monday. He thinks the plans for traffic are in place; one lane westbound only. We had to speak to the county earlier in the week to check on a couple of things that the contractor was supposed to take care of; for example, mailboxes, trash, the schools, etc. The mailboxes are in the process of being set up. He spoke to the school about buses and trash. There should not be any destruction that we know of; they are making progress. Mr. Weimer asked about mail boxes in the winter months. He wanted to know if containers are knocked down due to snow plows, whether the contractor is responsible to come back through and pick those back up. Mr. Haselton indicated yes, if they cause any damage, they would be responsible.

Mr. Fenos pointed out that this was supposed to start around mid-November; which was their last update. She felt that it was annoying to find out that, all of the sudden, they were already doing it. She felt that giving more notice to the City would be great so that we can communicate that to the people. Also, yesterday when she had turned from York Road onto Sprague Road, there was not anything to her knowledge, that would indicate it was westbound traffic only. As far as she could tell, there was no signage to let you know what was even happening. Although the barrels guide your vehicle, she felt it could be a safety issue. She thought it would be nice to have some signage, or additional signage there. Mr. Haselton stated that it would be remaining that way and the traffic pattern would not be changing. He believed that they have it all signed properly per ODOT's standards, however, he agreed he could talk to them about making things clearer.

Mr. Fenos asked if they would be providing better communication as we move forward. Mayor Antoskiewicz mentioned that Mr. Haselton had talked to the county; he felt they may have dropped the ball, the construction company. They should have notified the schools and post office as well. He commented that they can check tomorrow and make sure all of the right signage is there and done the correct way. He would be in touch with them to ensure it is done right. Ms. Fenos conveyed that it was the first day, and there were already people calling; because everyone thought it was going to start closer to mid-November. The Mayor reiterated that it would be followed up on.

Ms. Krejci asked for clarification, if it is going to take two years for that stretch of road to be completed. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated yes; from West 130<sup>th</sup> to York Road. They are expanding it to a third lane, filling in ditches, sidewalks, sewers, etc., a lot of work. Mr. Haselton stated that the hope was in 2023, there would not be heavy construction, but rather more of the landscaping left. Next year will be a lot of construction, he noted. Ms. Krejci questioned if it is going to be concrete, like the other half of Sprague. Mr. Haselton advised that it will be the same as they did on the Strongsville side; for West 130<sup>th</sup> Street.

Ms. Fenos brought up the sewer district moving the pump station over onto Abbey and Sprague Road, if they are all working together; the county. Mr. Haselton indicated yes; he was sure that they coordinated with every entity that they needed to. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred, stating that we will stay on top of it.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. 21-170**

Ms. Krejci asked if this entailed Ridge Road, from Route 82 to Sprague Road. She wanted to know when it would begin and how long it will take. Mr. Haselton was not certain as to the exact months; however, it is a next year project; the main construction season of next year, which is summer. Ms. Krejci wanted to confirm that there is no grant money available for sidewalks for that project. Mr. Haselton clarified no, there is not. Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out that it is an 80/20 project, whereas we are only paying 20%; with the county. Mr. Marnecheck inquired if there is nothing to coordinate with the county regarding the realignment of Ridge Road. Mr. Haselton explained no, that this is just a resurfacing project; basically, putting it back the way it is.

Mr. Marnecheck pointed out that the Director of Legislative Services had requested that once we discuss a piece of legislation in a committee, to then remove it out of committee. Therefore, Mr. Marnecheck moved to recommend to Council the approval of 21-170, seconded by Mr. Weimer. Vote: Yeas: 3; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.**

## Service Department Monthly Report – October 2021

10/4/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

Excavate and tear out another section behind City Hall, set up for Tuesday pour.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Royal Valley Development.

10/5/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section behind City Hall. Excavate and tear out another section.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Trimmed back tree lawn trees on Ridgeline Dr.

10/6/21 Wed.

Excavate and tear out another section behind City Hall, set up for Thursday pour.

Tear out concrete sidewalk from Ridge Rd to Old City Hall building.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Royal Akins Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

10/7/21 Thur.

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

Finish tearing out concrete sidewalk from Ridge Rd to Old City Hall building and planted grass.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Royal Akins Development.

Reinstalled Veteran Banner that fell down.

Put up Abundant Community Life Church sign that was taken down during Royalton Rd construction.

10/8/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section behind City Hall.

Crack sealed around new concrete in Royal Akins Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

10/11/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

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

Saw cut concrete to open joints at City Hall.

Replaced “No Parking” sign and post at 9903 Royalton Rd and “Right Turn Only” sign and post at Royalton Rd @ Hampton Club Apartments.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Install asphalt strip for new driveway at 6600 Boston Rd. Patched potholes on Boston Rd east of Ridge Rd.

10/12/21 Tue.

Poured concrete on Foxwood Dr. Excavate and tear out another section behind City Hall.

Picked up dead tree branch in road at York Rd and Akins Rd intersection.

Crack sealed in Ashley Woods Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Landscape around concrete repairs at City Hall.

Work on salt truck v-bodies with mechanic.

10/13/21 Wed.

Excavate and tear out sidewalk ramp behind City Hall, set up for Thursday pour.

Straightened mailbox at 5242 Edgerton Rd.

Crack sealed in Ashley Woods Development and concrete work done by Storm Water.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Work on salt truck v-bodies with mechanic.

10/14/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section and sidewalk ramp behind City Hall.

Crack sealed in Ashley Woods Development.

Work on salt truck v-bodies with mechanic.

Installed marker poles on Bunker Rd.

10/15/21 Fri.

Tear down and haul away pavilion and concrete slab at Memorial Park.

Crack sealed in Ashley Woods Development and Sherwood Highlands Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Swept Potomac Dr with street sweeper.

Cleaned up accident debris on Royalton Rd @ Swan Lake Blvd.

Work on salt truck v-bodies with mechanic.

10/18/21 Mon.

Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

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

Crack sealed in Sherwood Development.

Replaced street sign and post at Ebb Tide Cir @ Kingston Way.

10/19/21 Tue.

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

Saw cut concrete sidewalk to open joints and saw cut asphalt in parking lot for concrete work at City Hall.

Crack sealed in The Trails Development.

Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.

Replaced "No Truck" sign and post at 9962 Abbey Rd.

Lowered street sign and trimmed trees back at Parliament Dr @ Wallings Rd intersection.

10/20/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Potomac Dr. Excavate and tear out another section on Potomac Dr.  
Crack sealed in The Trails Development.  
Mowing and weed whacking around guardrails.  
Work on salt truck v-bodies.

10/21/21 Thur.

Excavate and tear out another section and rebuilt catch basins on Potomac Dr, set up for Friday pour.  
Crack sealed in The Trails Development.  
Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Ashley Woods Development.  
Haul away asphalt from Service Yard to asphalt plant.  
Reinstalled Veteran Banner that fell down.

10/22/21 Fri.

Poured concrete section on Potomac Dr.  
Picked up road signage from State Rd culvert pipe project.  
Repaired "Horse Crossing" sign at W 130<sup>th</sup> St @ Valley Pkwy. Replaced street sign at Founders Ct.  
Trimmed back tree lawn trees at North Akins Rd @ North Gateway Dr and in Ashley Woods Development.

10/25/21 Mon.

Excavate and tear out another section on Potomac Dr, set up for Tuesday pour.  
Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Ashley Woods Development.  
Cleaned up around garage and Service Yard.

10/26/21 Tue.

Poured concrete section on Potomac Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Wednesday pour.  
Trimmed back tree lawn trees in Ashley Woods Development.  
Cleaned up around garage and Service Yard.  
Work on salt truck v-bodies.

10/27/21 Wed.

Poured concrete section on Potomac Dr. Excavate and tear out another section, set up for Thursday pour.  
Grind out and install new asphalt patches on Akins Rd east of State Rd.

10/28/21 Thur.

Poured concrete section on Potomac Dr.  
Patch potholes and crack sealed on Royalwood Rd.  
Cleaned up around garage and Service Yard.  
Reinstalled 2 Veteran Banners that fell down and repaired another Veteran Banner bracket.

10/29/21 Fri.

Swept Bayleaf Ln with street sweeper.  
Patch potholes on Royalwood Rd and Abbey Rd.