

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 1, 2022**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on February 1, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

**PRESENT: Committee Members:** Chair Joanne Krejci, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Linda Barath; **Council:** Michael Wos, Dawn Carbone-McDonald, John Nickell; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** Vincent Weimer, Jessica Fenos, Nicolas Cinquepalmi, Tiffany Anzalone, Michael McDonald.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Approval of January 4, 2022 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Barath. Minutes were accepted.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. Updates on sidewalks and connections**

Mr. Haselton reported on the Bennett Road, multi-purpose path project. The design is moving along with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation). The stage three submittal is due this month. We recently submitted a proposal to the City to do the property acquisition work since there are two residents affected, in which their property will be taken; the Law Department had clarification questions on that. We should be able to illustrate that part of the project as well. He indicated that everything is moving smoothly.

**2. Service Department Report**

Mr. Cinquepalmi e-mailed the January report, in which there were no questions or concerns.

**3. 2022 Road Maintenance Program**

Mr. Cinquepalmi advised that the Mayor and himself are asking to go out to bid for the concrete work, asphalt work, and street markings. Mayor Antoskiewicz wanted to clarify that this is road maintenance; not the actual street's list.

Mr. Marnecheck asked when there may be a list of the roads that the Mayor wishes to do in 2022. Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified likely next month. He continued that we want to get them out. We know that the prices are going up and we have already started looking a bit.

**4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection**

Mr. Haselton advised there was an ODOT program that he mentioned last month, whereas we were looking to apply to for funding. That one focuses on pedestrian and roadway departure crashes. This intersection has not had any of those crashes in the last five years. We are discussing things with ODOT and reviewing it; this would not score well on that program. There is another one, which is a comprehensive safety application that is due in August. We think we can apply for that, which would score better. There are no guarantees, however that would be our next step to apply for the program in the summer.

Ms. Krejci asked if we are not going to move on fixing that intersection, until we get funding. Mayor Antoskiewicz was uncertain; we may have then exhausted. However, he would also like to take this time, with the way the federal government is coming along with infrastructure, to see if perhaps there is something there. Hopefully we could explore grants under that alternative.

Mr. Nickell asked about the approximate cost of the project. Mr. Haselton indicated that we did create an estimate, however he could not recall exactly. Mayor Antoskiewicz thought that it was closer to \$2m. Mr. Haselton agreed to let Mr. Nickell know. Mr. Nickell felt that if we could receive something and have something ready, that would be great; with the government. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that if we do not, we will have to look at other avenues.

Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know if the data that NOACA got on the intersection would be helpful in August. Mr. Haselton concurred; any data that we can include. Mr. Marnecheck inquired about who the August one was through. Mr. Haselton clarified that it was ODOT. Mr. Marnecheck questioned whether it may cover everything; or just the design. Mr. Haselton thought it would cover everything. Mr. Marnecheck wanted to know if that entailed us contributing, and they would make it up. Mr. Haselton indicated that generally it works that way, and the more we can contribute, the better we score.

#### 5. **Sprague Road**

Mr. Haselton reported that the contractor worked last on January 14<sup>th</sup>, due to snow and weather; they are off this week as well. Prior to the weather, the contractor had continued to work on the 16-inch water main installation. They are utilizing two crews, one from the east side and one from the west; they are going to meet in the middle. We have a meeting this Friday on site to get an update from the contractor to see whether they can make up some of the lost time.

Ms. Krejci wanted to know if we followed up on the area of Crystal Keg with regard to incoming traffic having went the wrong way. Mr. Haselton concurred, he had mentioned it to the County, in which they were going to talk to the contractor. He has not been out there to check. Ms. Krejci had saw some barrels, however they were not clearly identified, so she was not sure. She wanted to be able to follow up on this. Mr. Haselton clarified that he would do so.

#### 6. **Splash Pad**

Mr. Jordan explained that the City sent out bids over two weeks ago, whereas we received three responses. The recommended bidder is Cook Paving for \$907,000; which included a 10% contingency for the project, as well as the construction of the shade structure. It was within the acceptable perimeters; however, it did come in over. The structure would serve both the playground area and the Splash Pad; for parents to sit in the shade.

Ms. Krejci questioned whether that came back higher than we originally thought, or was it due to the shade structure being in this bid. Mr. Jordan indicated that was correct, the engineer's estimate was \$800,000; the actual Splash Pad presented to Council was \$550,000. We have been doing the shade structure along with that project. He continued that between both, it did come in a little higher. We may use the contingency; unforeseen conditions during the project. Mayor Antoskiewicz mentioned there were also Alternate C and Alternate D. Alternate C was to bid on incorporating some shade trees; 18. That is also one of the alternates on the bid, and includes the money in reference. The other one is Alternate D, which is the color seal coat. Basically, it is a color seal coat to go over the concrete. That bid also includes those two things. Ms. Krejci wanted to know if it would be a grittier concrete, in other words, not slick. The Mayor concurred, it will be made to look nice.

Mr. Jordan explained that in order to get this open in the summer, a seal coat requires a thirty-day preserve, therefore, they must complete everything and the seal coat; you must wait 30 days before anyone can use it. We may decide to hold off on the seal coat until the end of the season, and apply it at the end. Pertaining to the trees, we are looking to see if there is a grant available. We could eliminate it; however, we are asking Council to award it with the trees included. We could delete that alternate later if a grant comes through on the trees.

Mr. Marnecheck inquired about the number and type of trees. Mayor Antoskiewicz reiterated that it was 18 trees. Mr. Jordan was uncertain as to the type of trees; the bid only entailed how mature the trees are.

Ms. Barath asked about the time line. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that there were no delays thus far. Once we award the bid, we will have more information. Ms. Krejci questioned the financial aspect of the project as to what was set aside. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that we are going to take it out of the CARES Act money. As previously mentioned, Ms. Esarey clarified that in 2021, we were allowed to use the revenue loss calculation; in which we were able to take money budgeted for Police and transfer those into the ARPA fund. By doing that, we were able to generate that \$1.7m into the General Fund. She went on to say that we are using the carryover that was created in the General Fund to pay for this. We are transferring it from the General Fund into the Rec Capital Improvement Fund. Mr. Jordan noted that there is an appropriation amendment that is performing what the Finance Director described, along with some additional money for the design.

Mr. Marnecheck asked if any of the additional cost has to do with supply chain issues. Mayor Antoskiewicz believed so, all of our bids are coming in higher; especially if you have to get steel. Prices go up and availability seems to go down. Mr. Jordan shared that there would not be a lower bid if we approached this again. Mayor Antoskiewicz added that there are only two companies that do this.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Krejci wanted to mention previous discussion regarding snow removal. She realizes that we have had a very busy January and February, with more expected. Some feedback that we received was not positive. Also, some feedback that she received was that people thought we did do a good job at keeping the streets cleaned and safe. She wanted to note, for purposes of the Streets Committee, that we did invest money as a City last year. She went on to say that we spent money to purchase new trucks that we thought we would have in September. Due to supply issues, they are still not here. She did not want one to think that our City is not investing in our streets; we are. However, we cannot help that equipment delay.

Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified that ultimately, we have enough equipment to get done what we need to do. The problem is also, that if a truck breaks down, and we have to hope that it is something we have a part for. We have a couple of trucks sitting right now that are waiting for parts. Even if they get them, it takes a while. He continued that some types of repairs require that we cannot get the truck back out right away; it is a combination of the two. We are ready to go with what we have currently, for the upcoming storm. We are on schedule to do so. The Mayor wanted to have things conveyed to people when they call; sometimes mother nature wins. This is just the way it is. Our men are out there. We are prepared and will do the best we can. He felt that people need to be patient and he encouraged everyone to explain this when approached.

Ms. Carbone McDonald inquired about the number of trucks that we have. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we have around 17. Mr. Cinquepalmi concurred, we have 2 tandems, 2 single axles, 4 one tons, and roughly 9 pickups. We are going to send out everything at the same time.

Mr. Nickell was expecting a lot of calls with the snow, however, he had three e-mails and one phone call. He felt that the Administration responded quickly. As discussion ensued, the Mayor shared that there are those that must be first, and there are those that must be last. Pulling people off of jobs to go to another area is not productive; they are doing their very best with heavy amounts of snow and where it can be placed when plowing.

Ms. Krejci asked is there is a specific process for Council to do when calls are received. Mayor Antoskiewicz was okay with calls and texts; he would continue to notify appropriate parties to get it taken care of as quickly as possible.

Ms. Barath had a number of questions about why the school bus stops are not cleared. We do not have official school bus stops that she knew of. Mayor Antoskiewicz thought we actually have spots that are cleaned. He understood; however, it is difficult. He does not think we officially know where all of these are. Ms. Barath indicated that the problem was, having no sidewalk available and standing in the street; usually someone's driveway. Ms. Krejci concurred. Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that you are going to get calls about the snow

and it is going to be difficult. Specifically for the cul-de-sacs, with the challenge of only being able to stack snow in the middle. Residents do not want it in their driveway or by their mailboxes. These are challenges.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald wanted to confirm that we do not do anything for the elderly residents with assisting with snow plowing. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred, we do not.

Mr. Marnecheck asked how many trucks are we waiting on. Mr. Cinquepalmi indicated we are waiting on a tandem and a single axle, as well as a crew cab, one ton, that had been built last year. He was told that he would have a couple of them before the new year. He talked about the 32 week delays due to having no chip. No matter what you convey, you will be told to get in line.

Ms. Krejci brought up a number of purchases of equipment for the Service Department that are on tonight's agenda. Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that the first one is a caterpillar compact track loader, on tracks; basically, a skid steer or bobcat. It also operates the milling machines to grind asphalt when we do our own asphalt, which we do throughout the summer. The next one, the caterpillar mini excavator, is a little backhoe on tracks. We are replacing one that we have had for over ten years. He spoke about one lift gate, which would go on one of the six pickup trucks that we are going to order if approved. Mr. Cinquepalmi continued that we must have at least one truck with a lift gate instead of a regular tail gate. Then you have six F250, 4x4 pickup trucks. Then we can replace the four that we have now, in which we are going to keep one.

Mr. Marnecheck asked to clarify whether it was four replacements and two additional. Mr. Cinquepalmi concurred it is an additional one, whereas we are getting rid of four and keeping one. As he discussed trucks, he indicated that we are moving away from International. We will buy three trucks, cab chassis only; in which they get billed first, then they get sent to the body company. If approved, we would order tomorrow morning. Everything is already set to go; the purchase orders. He indicated that when he makes the call tomorrow morning, we will not see the trucks this year; but next year. Western Star gave a quote around December, and within weeks, they called back and indicated that the cost went up \$4000 per vehicle. We were told that they would hold this price for us until tomorrow. Furthermore, they said that at some point, they are going to start telling customers that they are filled for the year and will not take more orders.

Mayor Antoskiewicz reiterated that we feel we have to do this. If we do not, we will be looking way beyond next year. We can actually get the excavators right now and we should not wait. It may be a lot of money to spend however, we have to adjust with the way things are going or we will get left behind; which the Mayor conveyed that he does not want to have happen.

Mr. Marnecheck raised question as to the total for all of the purchases, being that it is a couple of different pieces of legislation. Mayor Antoskiewicz thought that it was approximately \$1.3m. Ms. Esarey helped clarify that it was \$902,733.06; for the three single axle trucks and six pickup trucks. The loader and excavator are \$166,710.78. That is a total of \$1,069,443.84, which is coming out of two funds. The majority is coming out of the Street Fund, and the other ones, the Services Capital Fund.

Mr. Nickell questioned when it actually gets paid. Ms. Esarey explained that the purchase orders are waiting approval this evening. Once approved, as well as the budget amendments, she would then move forward with the purchase order. Mr. Nickell wanted to clarify whether they are not actually getting the money until they are received. Mayor Antoskiewicz clarified that we appropriated it out of this budget as we were doing this. We had five trucks and were lease to own, whereas Ms. Esarey did research on leasing options, and the prices were sky high. Ms. Esarey added that furthermore, those prices were going up each day. Mayor Antoskiewicz had wanted to figure out how we can pay for these with cash. One of the ways is the road program, in which we have \$2m. The Mayor was fine with reducing that by 500,000; the \$1.5m for the road program. He believed it would be sufficient this year, especially since the biggest project this year is Ridge Road; which is already paid for. He believed we would be in great shape and will be paying for these in cash.

Mr. Marnecheck brought up if the revenue were to come in higher, we could always adjust, like we have done in years past. Mayor Antoskiewicz agreed; always. He felt that we are in good shape with the roads.

Ms. Krejci mentioned the Akins and Bennett intersection. Ms. Carbone-McDonald indicated that we have had many complaints regarding that. She inquired about what kind of upgrade would be possible for that area; even bus drivers are complaining. Mayor Antoskiewicz noted that we can try to look at it again. Ms. Carbone-McDonald mentioned there are also trees in one's sight there while making turns. The Mayor reiterated that we can look at this again and see if there is any type of improvements. He did not think that the stop sign would be moved by law. Ms. Carbone-McDonald inquired about having a possible police survey there to look at the area. Ms. Krejci asked if there have been many accidents. Ms. Carbone-McDonald indicated there have been quite a few, whereas people that live in that area have messaged her as well. The Mayor explained that is a tough area and we can look at it again. Ms. Carbone-McDonald expressed her appreciation.

Mr. Marnecheck asked if there has been any communication from Rumpke about moving the trash pickup days due to the snow. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred yes; we need to decide what to do on that. Mr. Cinquepalmi noted that the company is going to wait and see. We know that Thursday morning is going to be bad; they will probably call it then. Mayor Antoskiewicz shared that we talked to them about it today. Mr. Marnecheck asked if it will be on the City's Facebook page. The Mayor concluded yes, after it is decided.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of February 1, 2022**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.**

## Service Department Monthly Report – January 2022

1/2/22 Sun.

Snow Removal.

1/3/22 Mon.

Patching throughout the city.

Wash plow trucks.

1/4/22 Tue.

Patching throughout the city.

Repair heat shields [parts were finally delivered].

1/5/22 Wed.

Patching throughout the city.

Start working on the asphalt trailer [we need to replace flooring, tires and general maintenance].

1/6/22 Thur.

Patching in the morning, snow removal in the evening.

1/7/22 Fri.

Snow Removal.

1/9/22 Sun.

Wash Trucks.

1/10/22 Mon.

Patching throughout the city.

Continue working asphalt trailer.

1/11/22 Tue.

Send all the guys up to city green to help recreation department take down Christmas decorations.

The mechanic replaced the V-body chain on #26.

1/12/22 Wed.

Salting.

Late Shift washed the trucks and the floor.

1/13/22 Thur.

Snow Removal.

1/14/22 Fri.

Patching throughout the city.

1/16/22 Sun.

Snow Removal.

1/17/22 Mon.

Snow Removal.

1/18/22 Tue.

Snow Removal.

1/19/22 Wed.

Finish clean up from snow removal. Start mailbox repairs. Stacking salt from deliveries.

1/20/22 Thur.

Stacking salt from deliveries.

Mailbox Repairs.

1/21/22 Fri.

Mailbox Repairs.

1/23/22 Sun.

Snow Removal.

1/24/22 Mon.

Snow Removal.

1/25/22 Tue.

Finish clean up from snow removal. Mailbox repairs.

1/26/22 Wed.

Stack Salt. Repair mailboxes.

1/27/22 Thur.

Mailbox Repairs. Salting on second & third shifts.

1/28/22 Fri.

Snow Removal. Stack last loads of salt deliveries.

1/30/22 Sun.

Snow Removal.

