

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JUNE 7, 2022

The Streets Committee meeting was held on June 7, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Joanne Krejci, Vice Chair Paul Marnecheck, Linda Barath; **Council:** Michael Wos, Dawn Carbone-McDonald, Jeremy Dietrich, John Nickell; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** Vivian Luther, Simona Turbatu, Vincent Weimer, Joel Spatz, Michael McDonald.

Mr. Marnecheck wanted to remind everyone, just as a house keeping measure, that Council recently changed some of our Council rules regarding Committees. We do appreciate that at times, a new topic might come up. However, in the interest of transparency, the process we came up with was if there is a new topic, the committee votes on it. That way, it is at least, somewhat formalized. This is our first meeting since having passed those rules. As a gentle reminder, if something comes up after the agendas are published on Thursday, let us try and take a vote to add it officially under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of May 4, 2022 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Barath. Votes: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on sidewalks and connections

Mr. Haselton reported on the Bennett Road Multi-Purpose Path project, whereas there is legislation to purchase one of the two easements from the residents involved. Our agent has been in contact with the second resident. As we've discussed, she is more opposed to the project making it difficult. We are working through that at this time.

2. Service Department Report

See report.

3. 2022 Road Maintenance Program

Mr. Haselton discussed Ridge Road, in which there had been some initial issues with traffic. We have been working with ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and the contractor on fixing those, as well as their own Police Department.

Mayor Antoskiewicz added that by Royal View, a flashing yellow light was put in, therefore that light is not working right now; which was one of the issues that came up. He believed the light on Rt. 82 that has been brought up, had actually had a cut cable; the loop detector, which has been fixed. They have been correcting and fixing things. He noted that we want to try to get that area from Rt. 82 down to Wallings Road completed first. He mentioned that there would be events coming up, so this was best.

Ms. Krejci inquired about time frame for such a long street. Mr. Haselton explained that it would be at least a few months. The plan now included two phases that they will be doing this summer. Phase 1 goes from Rt. 82 and stops at Iron Gate Drive. They anticipate that being done the first week of August. The 2nd Phase will go from Iron Gate to the North Corporate limit; that could certainly go in September.

Ms. Carbone-McDonald asked about the Ridge Road project, whether we do we have a police officer there. She noticed more traffic on Bennett Road, and then coming the opposite way on Bennett; folks are making illegal left turns. She noted that residents have reached out to her. Ms. Krejci wanted to clarify that they are going left on Bennett Road, from Bennett onto Rt. 82. Ms. Carbone-McDonald stated that on Rt. 82, there is no left turn and people are turning.

Mr. Haselton indicated that our Police have been involved, yes. He spoke to them prior to this meeting and he felt their perspective was that today was better than yesterday; each day will be getting better. They are aware of these issues and working on them. Ms. Krejci commented that if people see things, they can always call the Police Department to report the illegal turns.

Mayor Antoskiewicz explained that they are working out the bugs every day; they are responsible to control the traffic. He encouraged all that if there is a problem or an issue, to let us know and we will deal with it with them. ODOT has been very responsive with anything that we have brought up to them.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Mr. Haselton reported that we are working on a proposal for preliminary engineering as we discussed last week. That will tie into our ODOT funding application, which is due in August. We also reached out to ODOT recently to set up a meeting to get an idea of how we may be able to improve our application to them; we are scheduling that now.

5. Sprague Road

Mr. Haselton indicated that the new 16-inch water main has been pressure and chlorine tested, in which both have passed. The contractor has been installing an 8-inch water main for the Parma side streets; near West 130th Street. The last two weeks, they have had several main shut offs due to old valves, and that has been causing more houses to be shut off from water than anticipated. They warned us that this can happen on our side as well. They apologized in advance if any calls are received.

Next the contractor is going to be installing water service house connections in both North Royalton and Parma, between List Lane and West 130th Street. That will take most of June to complete. There will be some planned water shut offs in this area, however, the contractor has been handing out notices to residents; the day before any water shut offs.

Ms. Barath asked if they were able to give a projected day in regards to a time line with the road being reinstated. Mr. Haselton clarified that he just knows the entire project is not going to be done until the end of next year. It is a long-term project.

Ms. Krejci mentioned she did see a car coming east bound in the area discussed, as she was going to go west bound on Sprague Road. She was uncertain as to whether the car turned out of Walgreens, but it was coming in the wrong direction; luckily no one was coming toward them. She noted it would be good if we can keep reminding ODOT, or whoever is working on that project, about what seems to be a gray area there. Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that most people are aware, but are just trying to make that quicker short cut.

6. Road Rating Program

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that Mr. Haselton gave us a proposal. But again, next year we will put it in the budget. Ms. Krejci asked about seeing the proposal, Ms. Barath reminded that we did; Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred. The Mayor indicated it was roughly \$29,500. Ms. Krejci asked to clarify, that we are going to wait and put it in the budget for next year. The Mayor concurred.

REMOVE FROM AGENDA.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Proposed legislation: 2022-2023 Salt Bid – Cargill

Mr. Cinquepalmi explained that last year, we were paying \$47 per ton from a new company from Canada. They underbid Cargill. They wanted to cross the Lake Erie, bring the salt from Canada, and sell it for about \$15 less per ton than what everyone pays here. There was a problem from the beginning. When we voted through the consortium to choose them, there was no reason to disqualify them; it was their first shot. They re-bid this year from \$47 to \$77.99 per ton, which is what it would cost them to do business here and make a profit. Therefore surprisingly, Cargill, could have gone the other way, however, they actually came in within \$4 where they were two years ago; at \$52.21 per ton. There are no concerns about Cargill as far as service, availability, or quality of salt. It was a unanimous vote to go with Cargill.

Mr. Nickell asked to elaborate more on the quality of salt. Mr. Cinquepalmi stated that North Royalton was the one vote to decline paying \$47.00 per ton last year. He explained that he understood the process. He was in the trucking business and hauled salt. He understands what it takes when you load salt, deliver it; if it is raining out and you are hauling it. His thinking was, how can they do this so much cheaper than Cargill when they have to come from Canada. He pointed out that downtown, all of those visible tarps are salt. The salt sits there for a year before it is used. It returns back to what it is called, rock salt. In terms of quality, when we receive it, it is hard clumps; like rock. We cannot load it on the trucks, nor can we run it through the spinner. When you get the salt from Cargill, it comes right out of the mine, up the shaft, and onto the truck; and into his barn where it is dry and ready to use. It is not worth the extra five dollars to do it. However, they have had issues with unions, with scales, equipment, with the quality of salt. The trucking companies are loyal to Cargill. There was a lot of things that played into this. Mr. Marnecheck pointed out that is an example of the lowest not always being best. Mr. Cinquepalmi agreed strongly.

Mr. Marnecheck moved to recommend Ordinance 22-91 to Council for approval. Seconded by Ms. Barath. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

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2. Proposed legislation: Bennett Road Multi Use Trail Extension project grant acceptance

Mr. Haselton briefed that this just accepting Ordinance 22-92; accepting the grant that we can get for the project.

Ms. Krejci moved to recommend Ordinance 22-92 to Council for approval. Seconded by Ms. Barath. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of June 7, 2022.** Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.