

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JANUARY 3, 2023**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on January 3, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Vice Chair Linda Barath, Paul Marnecheck; Council: John Nickell; Administration: Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith; **Other:** Joel Spatz, Jessica Fenos, John Mattes, Jasleen Mohein, Destiny Aicone.

Ms. Barath moved to excuse Ms. Krejci from the January 3, 2023 Streets Committee meeting. Seconded by Mr. Marnecheck. Vote: Yeas: 2 Nays: 0 **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of November 1, 2022 Committee minutes. Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck. Votes: Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Updates on sidewalks and connections

Mr. Haselton summarized that for the Bennett Road Path Project, Council had approved the final resolution last month. All documents have been sent to ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) and a check will follow. ODOT will bid the project on January 26th and award it in early February, most likely. Construction could start as early as April; for the All Purpose Trail.

2. Service Department Report

See report.

Mayor Antoskiewicz advised that Mr. John Fielding has currently taken over some of the duties. Everyone received his report.

Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that everything went well with our first snow and ice. Ms. Barath noted that she did not receive any complaints. The Mayor noted that there may have been just a couple of concerns, where people wanted to see pavement; however, that was not possible due to the continuous weather conditions. We were there the next day to clean up a few of the developments.

3. 2023 Road Maintenance Program

Mayor Antoskiewicz mentioned that the Service Department is working on things. He went on to say that at this time, Mr. Fielding is a one man show and is trying to run things while Mr. Cinquepalmi is out. We will have something more soon.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we are setting money aside right now and we will see where we have to go from there.

5. Sprague Road

Mr. Haselton reported that since our last meeting, the contractor merely worked on concrete. They finished the 13 ½ foot lane on the Parma side and then switched traffic to that lane. They also worked on drive aprons, as well as some initial grading of yards; on the Parma side. We will have a lot of work left, whereas we are only half way. Mr. Haselton was told that they were going to start back up today however, he was uncertain; it will be weather dependent from here.

Mr. Nickell noted that it seemed as though the catch basins may not be completely level; perhaps more than normal. Mr. Haselton could look into it.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Rumpke ton fee increase

Mr. Kelly stated that we are in our sixth year, potentially seventh year agreement with Rumpke. We have an extension coming up, or an available optional extension of one additional year; in March or April. As he understood, the Mayor was inclined to take it. The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District has certain oversight on the disposal end of things. For many years now, they have levied \$1.50 per ton charge on the waste haulers. For some period of time, they have been pursuing a 50 cent per ton increase on their charge, and they were successful. The State of Ohio granted them a 50 cent per ton increase for the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Under our agreement with Rumpke, when they suffer an increase that is not within their control, they have the ability to ask us to accept that increase and to pay them for it; it is negotiable. From the Administration's point of view, we think it is a fair, reasonable, and honorable thing for them not to have to bear that expense; when they had no control over it. We are going to be presenting legislation for the next meeting most likely, to ask Council to approve the 50 cent per ton tipping fee increase. He spoke of the contract, whereas it should cost the City somewhere between \$6,000 and \$8,000 annually. It is not a big deal and yet, it is certainly an appropriate charge for them to be seeking some reimbursement from us.

As discussion ensued, Mayor Antoskiewicz felt it would be our best option to accept one more year right now. This is the first time in six years that there has been any increase. Mr. Nickell wanted to know what they use that fee for; the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Mr. Kelly noted that in their application for the approval, they were alleging that they need it for administrative expenses in the hiring and wages, etc.

Resident:

Ms. Jessica Fenos, 10013 Delsy Drive, stated that as she is employed by the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, she wanted to throw out a few things; although she is not representing them today. Just to clarify about the 50-cent increase. They call it their generation fee, the \$1.50 - \$2.00 per ton. That was ratified in our Solid Waste Management plan, which, not this particular Council passed back in 2019. However, she knows that Mr. Nickell and Mr. Marnecheck were on at that time and the Mayor. Basically that fee that they built in, although their plan was passed several years ago, they had it so that it would take effect January 1st of 2023; to allow for some time. However, the main reason we were asking for the fee increase at that time, was because we had purchased the building we currently operate out of. Also, that is where we have our Household Hazardous Waste contractor on site; where we take from all of the communities, including North Royalton, any special items including hazardous waste, and they have their scrap tire round up, and other various things that they collect. Basically, we were purchasing their building. It goes to other things; it goes to personnel, overhead expenses, however, they use it for education and planning as well. Mr. Kelly concurred. Ms. Fenos felt that the building purchase was likely the biggest part, because that was taking a lot of money out of their account and budget to somewhat cover those costs. Most of the other haulers will do that, and they have tried all along with the gas tax increase and everything else. This particular case, when it was bid out for the services that you have now, the fee increase, they did not know that they were doing that at that time. But since then, when we have helped the other communities bid out, we have made it clear in the bid specs to include that fee increase in there, so they should be preparing for that as they give pricing. Next time that will not be an issue.

Mr. Nickell commented that he works in Lorain and he utilizes their big recycle center, whereas you can drive in and drop off items; paint, computers etc. He wanted to know if we have anything like that here. Ms. Fenos stated that the way Cuyahoga County does it, is not for the public. The public can come and drop off specific things, however, the one in Lorain County is for the hazardous waste; and they can drop off additional things there. They do not have that type of operation. She went on to say that they are not open to the public for people to drop off hazardous goods. They have a very unique way of doing it, in which all of the other districts want to do the same. Mayor Antoskiewicz added that our guys will make trips down there and drops off. As discussion ensued, he noted that we have certain bins some times and when it gets to be a lot, our guys make that trip and drop things off. Ms. Fenos felt that is easier for the residents. Mr. Marnecheck asked for clarification if the fee was going from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Mr. Kelly concurred.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Barath, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of January 3, 2023**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:24 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report – November 2022

10/31/22 Mon.

Tear out two sections on Royal Valley Dr. this includes a double catch basin that needs rebuilt.
We ground out and installed new asphalt on Creek Run and another section on Louis Dr. We also installed asphalt around a catch basin on Goodman Dr. [Storm Water Dept. rebuilt it last week].

11/1/22 Tue.

Finish repairing the catch basins on Royal Valley and set up the rest of the slab for a Wednesday pour.
Start grinding out old joint repairs on Washington Ave. and installing new asphalt.

11/2/22 Wed.

Pour the two sections and basin repair on Royal Valley Dr.
Finish joint repairs on Washington Ave.

11/3/22 Thur.

Tear out a small section and set up for a Friday pour on Royal Valley Dr.
Start Crack Sealing all recent joint repairs. [W130th, Washington Ave. and Todor Cr.].
Load up truck for a chemical drop Friday.

11/4/22 Fri.

Pour a new section on Royal Valley Dr. in the morning, In the afternoon move to Corkwood Dr. to tear out.
Crack Seal Goodman Cr., Creek Run. And Louis Dr.
Drop off H.H.W. chemicals.

11/7/22 Mon

Pour two new sections on Corkwood Dr.
Start Crack Sealing Royalwood Rd. between State & Broadview line.
Sort chemicals from Saturday Recycle Yard.

11/8/22 Tue.

Tear out and set up two sections on Corkwood Dr.
Tree clean-up from high winds, 13199 York Rd., 9083 York Rd., 5010 Wiltshire Rd. and 8920 Edgerton Rd.

11/9/22 Wed.

Pour two sections on Corkwood Dr.
Continue crack sealing on Royalwood Rd.
Pick up supplies from Indy Equipment and clean up the yard.

11/10/22 Thur.

We set up for a pour on Dublin Dr. but the plant was down so we landscaped all recent concrete repairs on Royal Valley Dr.
Finished crack sealing on Royalwood Rd. then went to Royal Valley to seal all recent concrete repairs.

11/11/22 Fri.

Tree Trimming on Stoney Creek.

11/14/22 Mon.

Pour the large slab on Dublin Dr. from last week, in the afternoon start tearing out and setting up two sections on Corkwood Dr.

Tree Trimming in the Planets.

11/15/22 Tue.

Finish rebuilding the two catch basins and setting up the last two section on Corkwood Dr.

Finish tree trimming in the Planets and move to Spyglass.

11/16/22/ Wed.

Pour the last two sections on Corkwood Dr. In the afternoon landscape the most recent concrete repairs.

Finish Tree Trimming in Spyglass and move to Nottingham Parkway.

11/17/22 Thur.

Plowing & Salting, mostly in the northeast corner of the city.

Patching on Abbey Rd., then finished landscaping in Royal Valley.

11/18/22 Fri.

Tree Trimming in Devonshire Woods.

Start installing the new [Welcome to North Royalton signs]. There will be twenty new signs replaced.

Installed 6 new Delineators on State Rd. just south of Sprague Rd. This should stop trucks from pulling over on the grass and rutting up the area.

Saturday late night, plowing & salting till early Sunday morning.

11/21/22 Mon.

Tear out our last section on Dublin Dr. and set up for a Tuesday pour.

Continue to install the Welcome to North Royalton Signs.

Clean all the plow trucks we used over weekend.

11/22/22 Tue.

Poured the last large slab on Dublin Dr. This will complete our concrete repairs for the year.

Grind out and install new asphalt at 18564 Bennett Rd. [This was an old C.W.D. repair and I believe there is going to be some settling issues. We will keep an eye on the repair to see what happens over the winter].

11/23/22 Wed.

Finish installing the first 10 [welcome to N.R. signs], we are waiting on the other 10 to be delivered.

Patching with hot asphalt on Abbey Rd., Royalwood and the Planets.

11/28/22 Mon.

START WINTER SHIFTS.

Patching.

Cleaning trucks.

Cleaning the garage.

11/29/22 Tue.

Training the new hires for snow plowing.

Continue washing & waxing plow trucks.

Patching.

11/30/22 Wed.

Clean up several streets with fallen trees from high winds.

Working in the garage on trucks.

12/1/22 Thur.

Patching.

Working on our snow removal fleet. Pick up trucks with small plows.

12/2/22 Fri.

Clean up around the outside of the building, Service & Building Department.

Patching.

Service Department Monthly Report – December 2022

12/5/22 Mon.

Install three more [Welcome to N.R. signs].

Cleaned up two fallen trees, one on Edgerton and one on Akins. We also trimmed trees on Lindberg Dr.

12/6/22 Tue.

Installed two more [Welcome to N.R. signs]. We are waiting for the last big sign. This will be installed on Rt.82 just past W130th.

Work in the garage on plow trucks.

12/7/22 Wed.

Start washing and waxing small pick-up trucks.

Repairing the top grates on the big salt trucks.

12/8/22 Thur.

Patching.

Continue waxing trucks.

Start cleaning the crack sealing machine.

12/9/22 Fri.

Finish cleaning the crack sealing machine.

Finish fixing the top grates on the plow trucks.

12/12/22 Mon.

Empty & Wash snow plow trucks.

Replaced a speed limit sign on Ridge Rd. Also replaced a directional sign on Rt.82 for the center lane.

Cleaned out the old asphalt in the hot box, filled it with new cold patch.

12/13/22 Tue.

Patching.

Continue training for snow removal.

Fixed the auto gate for the service entrance.

12/14/22 Wed.

Patching.

Pick up supplies for workers [safety & tools].

Fix a load limit sign on York Rd.

12/15/22 Thur.

Patching.

Work in the garage.

12/16/22 Fri.

Put up large [Welcome to North Royalton] sign on Rt.82. This will be the last [Welcome to North Royalton] sign to be changed out, completing our project.

Get our salt trucks loaded and ready for the weekend snow.

We were out Saturday & Sunday salting, light snow.

12/19/22 Mon.

Patching.

Empty and wash salt trucks.

Start putting plows on pick-up trucks.

12/20/22 Tue.

Finish putting plows on and setting up small plow trucks.

Tree fell across sidewalk and tree lawn from Christopher Norris old property. We cleaned up the area.

12/21/22 Wed.

Patching.

Pick up mailboxes from Home Depot.

Clean up shop area.

12/22/22 Thur.

Patching.

Training employees for snow removal.

Load up salt trucks. Three-day snow event starting tomorrow.

12/23/22 Fri.

Plowing All Shifts.

Christmas Eve & Christmas Day, Plowing All Shifts.

12/26/22 Mon.

Salting & Plowing.

12/27/22 Tue.

Clean up Developments.

12/28/22 Wed.

Fixing mailboxes.

Stacking Salt from new deliveries.

12/29/22 Thur. Moved fallen trees off the road on Bennett, Sprague, and Edgerton. Fix turfing and mailboxes.

12/30/22 Fri. Continue turf repairs in our developments. Continue mailbox repairs.

Service Department Monthly Report – January 2023

1/3/23 Tue.

Patching.

Repairing tree lawns from snow plowing [turfing].

1/4/23 Wed.

Repairing turf damage.

Wash large plows.

1/5/23 Thur.

Repair mailboxes.

Install a new salt chain in unit 28.

1/6/23 Fri.

Repair mailboxes.

Repair turf damage.

Put up new sign at Edgerton & Akins.

1/9/23 Mon.

Empty all salt trucks, and start washing them.

Repair mailboxes.

Put together our chipping truck for tree trimming.

1/10/23 Tue.

Tree Trimming.

Picked up litter at 3262 Rt 82, someone hit a trash bag and spread debris along four properties.

Put up new sign on Wiltshire Rd.

1/11/23 Wed.

Tree Trimming.

Repair turfing in the Industrial Parkway.

Wash trucks.

1/12/23 Thur.

Tree Trimming.

Load and check salt trucks, snow starting late tonight.

1/13/23 Fri.

Plowing & salting all shifts. Start plowing Cul-de-sac's late Friday night and finished cleaning up everything late Saturday morning.

1/16/23 Mon.

Repair mailboxes.

Clean trucks.

1/17/23 Tue.

Repair mailboxes.

Clean trucks and the garage floor.

1/18/23 Wed.

Finish up the mailbox list.

Start stacking our salt order.

1/19/23 Thur.

Finish stacking our salt order.

Patching.

Loading plow trucks on the late shift for Friday snow.

1/20/23 Fri.

Plowing and salting streets, all shifts.

1/22/23 Sun.

Plowing and salting streets, all shifts. Started plowing Cul-de-sac's

1/23/23 Mon.

Plowing and salting in the morning. Finish clean-up in the afternoon including second round of Cul-de-sac's

1/24/23 Tue.

Fix a few mailboxes, not many damaged from the light snow.

Patching.

1/25/23 Wed.

Plowing & Salting

1/26/23 Thur.

Stacking salt, new order.

Patching in the morning.

Salting in the afternoon, light snow.

1/27/23 Fri.

Mailboxes repairs.

Salting, light snow.