

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on February 7, 2022 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Joanne Krejci, Vice Chair Linda Barath, Paul Marnecheck; **Council:** John Nickell, Jeremy Dietrich, Mike Vos; **Administration:** Mayor Larry Antoskiewicz, Law Director Tom Kelly, City Engineer Justin Haselton, Wastewater Superintendent Mark Smith, Finance Director Jenny Esarey, John Fielding; **Other:** Joel Spatz, Jessica Fenos.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approval of January 3, 2023 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 reported on the Bennett Road Multi-Purpose Path Project, whereas ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) bid the work in January and was working with a low bidder for details on construction. It is still scheduled for the spring/summer.

2. Service Department Report

See report.

Ms. Krejci inquired about the snow removal in January, which she felt that it went pretty well. She was curious if there were any issues. Mr. Fielding reported that everything went smooth and things are going much smoother this year. He brought up the extra mechanic, as well as the trucks running better; which was a big issue last year.

Ms. Barath questioned if we had any new drivers this year. She had received some calls about a truck being a few feet away from driveways. Residents were inquiring about distance from mailboxes etc. Mr. Fielding clarified that we do have new drivers. He commented that is probably the most common thing with a new driver; being in the bigger trucks and cautious of mail boxes. He went on to say that they will get accustomed to that and it would improve. Ms. Krejci pointed out that she only received one call this year, in agreeance that things have went well.

3. 2023 Road Maintenance Program

Ms. Haselton spoke of York Road, which would be bid by ODOT soon. Construction is still scheduled for the summer months. Mayor Antoskiewicz added that we are going to have bids for concrete and asphalt going out. We will probably have an idea of where we are looking to pave etc., which he should be able to share details for next month's report.

Mr. Vos asked if Akins Road would possibly make the list. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we have applied for funding for it and have not gotten it as of yet. He continued that we have been applying with Broadview Heights. His guess was perhaps, next year. He realized it is not on the docket for this year. One reason that we

are going to wait, is partly due to Mr. Haselton's plans to apply for the water grant. He referred to the map, whereas Akins has had a lot of water issues. We are going to try to apply and have those fixed before we would do the street. Mr. Haselton agreed. That is due in a week or two; we are going to submit for it. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated that hopefully this time, we would get extra points if we show that we are going to be doing the road soon. It was his hope to get it done first. He would hate to do that road, and then have it opened back up at some point to do the water. He made reference to the map once more, demonstrating where there have been issues.

Mr. Nickell inquired about York Road, as to where the work would be starting from. Mr. Haselton indicated that it would be Wallings Road to Sprague Road. Mr. Nickell asked if they are just doing that because it is a County road. Mr. Haselton concurred, stating that we received money through NOACA (Northeast Ohio Areawide Coordinating Agency). Mr. Nickell mentioned when we did State Road many years ago. He realized that we are not going to get sidewalks on that portion, however on State Road, they had implemented a 3-foot berm for pedestrians; to get off of the road and move the postal trucks etc. He wanted to suggest that we make that as wide as possible.

Mr. Dietrich raised question about the bridge on Abbey Road by the Turnpike. He wanted to know if repairs were done by ODOT, or by whom. Mayor Antoskiewicz believed that would be the Turnpike. Mr. Dietrich asked if they are responsible for the repairs of the bridge and mentioned the truck hitting it recently. He was wondering who is responsible; the City or the Turnpike. He asked if we were to ever entertain putting North Royalton on that bridge, who would be funding it, or how could we approach that; he felt it would be an appropriate place. Unfortunately, we do not have an exit off of the Turnpike. He noted that the other cities surrounding us have those signs and things. Mr. Haselton indicated he has never looked into that.

Mayor Antoskiewicz thought that we would probably have to call the Turnpike and see what their policy is. Mr. Dietrich asked if we have any maintenance responsibilities to the bridge and if so, we have some rights to it as well. The Mayor believed that they do all of the maintenance. Mr. Fielding stated that they do everything and we are not supposed to maintain anything on that. Mr. Dietrich suggested that Mr. Fielding communicate to the Turnpike about the idea of large letters; which a lot of other cities have. Mr. Dietrich felt that a sign may be something cool to look in to and there may be possible grants. The Mayor stated that we could check into it.

Ms. Krejci brought up previous conversations about a Road Rating Program, which she recalled we were going to do it inhouse. She asked if that is going to be under this as well. Mayor Antoskiewicz stated yes, we can do that under this. He is aware we are a little behind on that. Currently, Mr. Fielding is the only person running the Service Department until Mr. Cinquepalmi returns. He continued that we should have that; it is just going to be a little bit later. Ms. Krejci wanted to mention this although it is still early in the year. Mr. Marnecheck inquired about having something in writing like the ratings that were done in the past. Mayor Antoskiewicz concurred, stating that we are still working on how we are going to do it. He indicated that we would have something printed out with all of the streets on it.

Mr. Marnecheck questioned how much we budgeted for infrastructure this year. Ms. Esarey did not have that budget in hand; however, she believed it was \$1.4 M. She continued that there are projects in there; such as Bennett and the York Road project. She added that it is not just for the Road Maintenance Program in that line item. Mayor Antoskiewicz thought we might have roughly \$775,000, in which Ms. Esarey clarified that it was \$725,000. Mr. Marnecheck asked if that was between asphalt and concrete. Ms. Esarey agreed, as did Mayor Antoskiewicz.

4. Ridge Road and Royalwood Intersection

Ms. Krejci recapped the meeting in November, in which the Mayor conveyed an estimated amount of \$1.5 M to fix that intersection. Ms. Krejci has been thinking about it and discussing it with residents in her ward. She does not think there is a lot of support. She felt that nobody feels it is worth spending that kind of money to fix that intersection; even though it needs something. Her feeling is that we continue to try to find grant money to possibly offset the cost. She was considering removing this item from the agenda, and if we get grant money, it can be put back on to discuss. Mayor Antoskiewicz indicated that we did put money aside in the budget at Council's request; to start saving for it. That money is there, however, he is not prepared because there are still other things that have to be done there as well; for example, acquiring the corner and the other side piece.

Mr. Dietrich disagreed about that not being a priority. That entire section is his ward. The residents in that area would tell you otherwise; not just because they live there. He commented that we are already invested; we bought the property for that. There is no other use for that property that the City would find desirable. He reiterated that we are already invested. He wished to leave it on for discussion. He would like to see that we are making it a priority. He concluded that it is a mess there.

Mayor Antoskiewicz understood. If we are going to continue to pursue it, then we continue to pursue it; which he felt is fine. He does not think we need to leave it on the agenda. We are not going to have any new news for a while; it can come back on in the fall or so. He continued that over the next few months, the answer is going to stay the same. There is not much going on with it right now. We will keep looking for money as well. Mr. Dietrich expressed that money needs to be appropriated to that intersection. Ms. Krejci asked about doing some type of a traffic study, whether it would be worth it. Mayor Antoskiewicz felt that it would not be worth it right now. Ms. Barath indicated that her experience has been different. She has actually had residents asking what was taking so long pertaining to this.

As discussion ensued, Mr. Marnecheck mentioned that he does live in that area. He feels that it would show it is a priority if we keep it on the agenda; even if there is no update. Mayor Antoskiewicz did not see any value in keeping it on. Mr. Marnecheck respected that, however, he felt the Turnpike mitigation was similar to this, where it has been a topic with no update; however, we keep it on so that it remains a priority. Mayor Antoskiewicz pointed out, that was partly because we have funding for it; we already had money for the project. We were in the process of design and we knew it was moving forward. Mr. Marnecheck felt it was worth keeping it on, stating that it would only require an extra twenty seconds of our time if there is no update on the item. Ms. Barath was okay with taking it off of the agenda. Ms. Krejci agreed to take this off of the agenda and revisit the topic later. Mayor Antoskiewicz commented we will be more than happy to inform everyone the moment that anything changes. Mr. Marnecheck desired to have it noted that he was opposed to removing it from the agenda.

5. Sprague Road

Mr. Haselton summarized that there was an update from the contractor. They did lose some days in January due to weather. Currently, they are working on storm and sanitary sewers on the North Royalton side. There have been a couple of issues come up with residents, which they have done a good job addressing those. They are continuing work in that area.

NEW BUSINESS

There was none.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Ms. Krejci, seconded by Ms. Barath to **adjourn the Streets Committee meeting of February 7, 2023**. Roll Call: Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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.