

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**November 6, 2006**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on November 6, 2006, at North Royalton City Hall, 13844 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order by Chair Denise Bobulsky at 6:41 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chair Denise Bobulsky, Vince Gentile, Don Willey, Larry Antoskiewicz, Lisa Uffman-Kirsch, Robert Stefanik, Skip Mayer, Clark Merdes, Joanne DuMound, Richard Leissa, and Paula Recker.

**Approval of October 2, 2006, Minutes**

Amendments proposed to **NEW BUSINESS 1. Privatization of Trash Collection, pg. 2:**

1. Amend "Mr. Willey responded that the city wouldn't but would have a different overhead", to "Mr. Willey responded that the city *would* but would have a different overhead."
2. Amend "Mr. Antoskiewicz stated that we need to start working on something that will look at garbage in a different way", to "**Mr. Willey** stated that we need to start working on something that will look at garbage in a different way".

Mr. Willey moved to **approve the minutes of October 2, 2006, as amended.** Seconded by Mr. Gentile. 3 yeas/0 nays. **Motion carried.**

**OPEN RESIDENT DISCUSSION**

Mr. Willey stated that he was expecting a resident to be present to discuss parking on cul-de-sacs, specifically overnight on Ivy Ridge. It's a very large cul-de-sac and the residents sometimes park in it, after many months one of the residents received a ticket. The resident felt it was selective enforcement. Mr. Willey stated that the reason for no parking in cul-de-sacs is because of the emergency vehicle access. The resident was asking for an exemption to the no parking. Mrs. Bobulsky stated that this issue would be better discussed in Safety. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch agreed to place it on the next Safety Committee meeting agenda.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**1. State and Wallings Intersection Widening**

Mr. Merdes reported that Mr. Rosewicz has been providing updates to council. The project has gone into Phase 3, which shifted the State Road traffic. The upcoming work in the next two weeks is all on State Road. The second half of the State Road existing pavement will be removed. The drainage sewers and basins will be installed. The road will then be prepared for paving. The project is on schedule, completion date remains December 19<sup>th</sup> with the road opening to traffic both ways. Mr. Mayer stated that the intersection will not be salted this season due to the new concrete, rather sand would be used.

**2. Boston Road Paving**

Mr. Merdes reported that the road has been paved, but not yet striped. He has not received any correspondence from Hinckley Township in terms of job completion or an invoice. The committee agreed to keep this on the agenda until all issues are resolved.

**3. Roadwork 2006 - Explanation**

Mr. Mayer reported that Service is still in the process of patching. An updated list of repaired roads was distributed (see attached). He was hoping to get to Edgerton if any monies and material were left, and if the weather cooperates to get some of the hot patch completed. Claridge Court was repaired and completed. Mr. Willey initiated a discussion as to who paid for the repairs. He felt that the builder, Gross Brothers, should be responsible. Mr. Merdes responded that it has been many years since the subdivision was dedicated.

**4. Recycling Program**

Mr. Mayer reported on the possibility of recycling containers for the City Green and other city facilities. Most of the companies contacted were not interested in containers for plastics and bottles. The companies felt it was too small and cumbersome for pick-up and hauling. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch stated that she was disappointed and would look into this to see how other communities do this and if it is worth it. Discussion began about recycling cardboard. Mr. Mayer stated that large cardboard, for example, a refrigerator box, needed to be cut and placed in a paper bag including the large yard waste bags. Cereal boxes, tissue boxes and the like are also acceptable as long as the plastic inserts are removed.

**5. Automated Rubbish System**

Mr. Mayer presented a spreadsheet with the updated rubbish removal costs. Included were current costs, automated system costs, privatization projections, current recycling costs and co-mingling. Mrs. Bobulsky stated that no decisions would be made at this meeting and opened the floor for discussion. Mr. Gentile expressed concern with the start up costs of the automated system. Mr. Stefanik stated that he spoke with the mechanics and was told the current trucks could be kept up and running for another year. He would rather put this issue on hold for next year, and would like the Mayor to start talking to other communities about doing joint rubbish pick-up. He went on to state that rubbish removal on a regional basis could save a lot of dollars and thinks that jumping into an automated system would tie the City's hands for years to come. He would prefer to wait till there is a new administration in 2008 before any decisions were made. Mrs. Bobulsky disagreed about waiting till 2008, she felt that the current rubbish removal costs are high and can be reduced by introducing a new system. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch pointed out that the current costs of rubbish removal of around 1 million did not include replacement equipment whereas the automated cost of around \$986,000 included equipment. Mrs. Bobulsky noted according to the information presented by Mr. Mayer that private haulers expressed an interest in converting to an automated system to reduce expenses. Mr. Antoskiewicz expressed concern about the large totes used with the automated system and the difficulty residents with gravel driveways may experience. He felt the system may be okay in developments but not in his ward. Mrs. Uffman-Kirsch asked if the pilot program included main roads with ditches. Mr. Mayer said it did and ran for three months, including winter.

Mr. Stefanik requested Mr. Mayer to contact neighboring cities, specifically Parma and Broadview Hts., to consider regionalizing rubbish removal. Mr. Mayer agreed to have some information for the January meeting.

**6. Privatization of trash system**

Discussion was included above.

**7. Rubbish co-mingling**

No discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No discussion.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion to adjourn** by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Willey. 3 yeas/0 nays. **Motion carried.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.**