

## STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 3, 2008

The Streets Committee meeting was held on January 3, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

**Present:** Chair John Nickell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile; **Council:** Gary Petrusky, Don Willey, Dan Kararis; **Administration:** Mayor Bob Stefanik, Deputy Engineer Don Ramm, Service Director Skip Mayer; **Other Attendees:** Don Harris, Pat Jones, Lydia Bazarko, Nick Cinquepalmi.

The November minutes will be accepted/approved at the next meeting.

### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**1. Recycling program-rubbish co-mingling**

Mr. Nickell said there is a spreadsheet that was provided as of October 9, 2007, from the Service Department. Mr. Gentile suggested that this remain in committee to be reviewed along with the automated/privatization of rubbish.

**2. Automated rubbish system/privatization of trash collection**

No action.

**3. Road work 2007/2008**

Mrs. Bararko said that the residents on Oaknoll Ct. asked the Streets Committee last year to include their street in the paving. It was not done last year, but they were promised that their street would be paved in 2008. She wanted the committee to be made aware of this promise. Mayor Stefanik responded that all the streets are being reviewed and this will be addressed in consideration with the streets in need. Mr. Mayer said that Oaknoll Ct. and Rustic Oval were included in his request for streets that will be done for 2008. Mr. Gentile said it is anticipated that the budget will be presented to Council in February.

Mr. Mayer provided information previously to Council that included the last of the hot patching, crack sealing, and the streets that were repaired and this was reviewed.

**4. Wallings Road rehabilitation**

Mr. Ramm said this project is completed. The contractor will come in the spring and complete remedial items. The contract came in on budget. A retainer will be held until the work is complete.

**5. Pasek property**

There is no additional information that has been offered. It was discussed that spending recreation dollars on this when recreation fields are a priority was not necessarily a wise expense. If more information becomes available this could be discussed again. Removed from agenda.

**6. Drake Road reconstruction**

Mr. Ramm reported that the project is complete and came in under budget. Removed from agenda.

**7. Edgerton Road reconstruction**

Mr. Ramm explained that the project is suspended. The remainder will be completed in the spring. Right now it is 2/3 complete with 50% of the budget spent. It should be within budget upon completion.

**8. Proposed Ordinance 07-73 dedication of Mahican Way, Shawnee Circle, and Chippewa Path in Indian Trails Subdivision**

Mr. Ramm said the City Engineer provided a memo earlier listing the items needed to be addressed. The list is lengthy and not much has been done since July or August. This is not ready for dedication.

Mr. Nickell requested that the area be checked to determine that flooding will not be an issue to the residents in the area with this new development.

**9. Chippewa Creek watershed study**

A presentation was made at the Planning Commission meeting.

**10. 2007/2008 FEMA catch basin projects**

Mr. Mayer said verification was received that the paperwork was submitted and received by FEMA.

**11. Accepting construction materials at service yard**

Mr. Mayer said that a program is not in place. He is waiting for the direction things will take with regard to rubbish before this can be determined.

**12. Salt brine**

Mr. Mayer said he has included this in the budget request for 2008. The request includes two new trucks to spread the brine and a tank to store it. This is for purchase of the product not a small production plant. Mr. Mayer explained how this process would work. He said he was hearing some negative things with regard to using brine relating to corrosion of equipment. The systems works well for hills.

**NEW BUSINESS****1. Rubbish privatization bid**

Mr. Gentile recommended that Council authorize the Mayor and Service Director to advertise for bids for the privatization of rubbish. This will assist in determining what will be the best direction to move with atomization or privatization.

Mr. Antoskiewicz asked that the bids be put together to itemize for breakdowns to include alternatives.

Mr. Nickell added that the contract should include long-term prices.

Mr. Mayer suggested things to look at for the contract should be: will our yard still be open and who will run it.

Mr. Gentile thought it would benefit our city if we invited the Strongsville Director of Finance, Mr. Batke, to our next meeting. He could explain what hurdles they met when they went through this process and savings that were achieved.

It was discussed that a template should be made for items that should be included on the bid. This should be sent to all departments so all things could be considered and then all companies would be bidding on line items that could be compared. Items are to be given to the Service Director and then Council will be given the list.

Mr. Nickell said that the current labor force will be able to address other needs in the city.

Mr. Gentile moved that Council authorize the Mayor and Service Director to advertise for bids for the privatization of rubbish, seconded by Mr. Nickell. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried.

Mr. Gentile will discuss this with the Mayor.

**2. Sidewalks**

Mr. Nickell said that he has several residents asking for sidewalks and wanted to explore this option and how it could be done. He is concerned that sidewalks are needed on the main roads. He hoped that there would be a way to link areas in the city with sidewalks.

Mr. Gentile said that the Director of Economic Development could try to bring grants to the city. It is difficult when asking residents to be assessed for a sidewalk project. We should wait to hear if any funding is available.

Mr. Willey said that there were new homes on York Road that did not have sidewalks installed and this should be checked. He also felt that there may be money available through grants.

Mr. Antoskiewicz said that while residents want sidewalks, when it is determined that they will have to pay for them, they are no longer interested.

Mr. Nickell made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Gentile. 3 yeas/0 nays. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.