

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 6, 2008

The Streets Committee meeting was held on March 6, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:37 p.m.

Present: Chair John Nickell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile; Council: Gary Petrusky, Dan Kasaris; Administration: City Engineer Ken Tyrpak, Service Director Kris Kamps; Other Attendees: Don Harris, Pat Harris.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the minutes of November 8, 2007.**
Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. (Mr. Nickell not a member of Council at that time). **Motion carried.**

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the minutes of February 7, 2008.**
Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recycling program-rubbish co-mingling

Service Director Kris Kamps reported that they are currently working on the bid specifications. He has met with several of the waste removal companies and has reviewed programs from 8 different communities. None of the other cities are commingling their recycling and rubbish at this time, but they are all commingling their yard waste and rubbish. This is a very popular and viable option and saves a lot of money. The pickup of white goods would be included in the bid specs as well. Mr. Kamps felt that he would be ready to go out for bid by the beginning of April. A general discussion regarding rubbish pick up practices, procedures, methods, equipment, etc. took place.

2. Automated rubbish system/privatization of trash collection

See Item 1 above.

3. Road work 2007/2008

Mr. Kamps felt that the Cady Road project as previously put forth needs to be revisited and looked at in a much larger scope.

Mr. Kamps said that the street sweeper will be on the road everyday. This will make the roads more drivable and will clean any roads before they are repaired. The city will be broken down into 8 different zones for the street sweeper to cover. We are looking at doing all of the curbed and guttered streets first to keep the material out of the sewers. He wants a more systematic sewer cleaning program and will keep an actual log of when and where the work is being done.

Mr. Kasaris said that the street patching done in Swan Lake last year was no good. Mr. Kamps said that it was done too late in the year and fell apart. The Service Department employees will be receiving the proper training and education they need this year to properly perform this work.

Mr. Kamps said the Oaknoll Court concrete and sewer repair is a priority for this year. The island in the middle of the street may need to be removed because there is not enough room for the safety forces to maneuver.

Mr. Kamps said that there is a list of streets to be repaired that needs to be prioritized, but he did not think that we could get to all of them this year. We may have to look at asphalt patching to buy us some time on some of the roadways. We need to look at contracting out the concrete repair in the future. The city is not set up for concrete work; we don't have the equipment or the manpower. The time and cost it takes for us to do it in-house is three times the cost of contracting the work out. Mr. Kamps gave an explanation of the joint repair and asphalt patching process.

4. Wallings Road rehabilitation

No action.

5. Edgerton Road reconstruction

No action.

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

No action.

7. Chippewa Creek watershed study

No action.

8. Accepting construction materials at service yard

No action.

9. Salt brine

Mr. Kamps said that Cuyahoga Falls spent a lot of money on beet juice this year to mix with their brine and it was a terrible loss. Mr. Kamps explained that this product is put down to help retain the brine on the roadway. The times this winter when Cuyahoga Falls put this product down on the road when it didn't snow, it got worn or washed off and cost them thousands of dollars. Mr. Petrusky asked if the brine would also be worn or washed away. Mr. Kamps said yes, but brine is only 4 cents/gallon, beet juice is \$2.60/gallon.

Mr. Gentile asked if with this last ice storm, would brine capability helped. Mr. Kamps said yes. Mr. Kamps said that we, as well as all communities in our consortium, have been having a problem getting salt. A lot of the problem is getting trucks to haul the product. They are shipping of a lot of salt out of state because they are making more money on it.

Mr. Kamps explained that it is more cost effective to purchase brine outright rather than purchase the equipment and make it ourselves.

Mr. Gentile asked Mr. Kamps to put together a cost analysis so that we can look at getting the department set up with the necessary equipment for winter 2008/2009. He would like to move forward with this to make our roads safer. Mr. Kamps said that nothing we own has brine capacity so we need to purchase a lift truck with brine tanks and sprayers. As we replace equipment, it will always have brine tanks on it. Mr. Kamps said he will look into whether or not we can outfit the two new tandem trucks with tanks.

10. Sidewalks

Awaiting recommendation from the Planning Commission on Ordinance 08-43. Regarding the installation of sidewalks on State Road to the Library, Mr. Tyrpak said that they are in the process of reviewing the area.

NEW BUSINESS**1. Akins Road Culvert Replacement**

Mr. Kamps said that he has all the bids back for the replacement of the culvert on Akins Road. He is recommending DiGioia Bros. They were the lowest price and can have all of the materials here within two weeks, and once they get the box culverts installed they should have the project completed in three weeks.

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **accept the bid of DiGioia Bros. for the Akins Road culvert replacement.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

2. Single Axle Truck bid

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **authorize the Mayor and Service Director to advertise for bids for a single axle truck.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Gentile seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **adjourn the meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.