

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**September 4, 2008**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on September 4, 2008, at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Present:** Chair John Nickell, Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile; **Council:** Gary Petrusky, Dan Kasaris; **Administration:** Service Director Kris Kamps, First Assistant Prosecutor Donna Vozar; **Other Attendees:** Joanne DuMound, Ashley Petrusky, Robert Nottrodt, John Gazzo, William Ficyk.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

Mr. Kamps said that he has looked at recycling programs in other communities and feels that the recycling program in North Royalton is being run as sufficient as possible. Mr. Gentile said he would like to be able to bundle cardboard for recycling as opposed to cutting it up into small pieces, which is how we currently have to recycle cardboard. Mr. Kamps said we do not currently have the facility or equipment to bale cardboard.

Mr. Gentile asked if we could place a trailer unit on the back of our rubbish trucks. Mr. Kamps said that may be a possibility.

Mr. Kamps said that our new rubbish trucks should be here in 4-5 weeks.

**2. Road work 2008**

Mr. Kamps said that all concrete work has been finished with the exception of some areas where curbing needs to be fixed. The paving of Gabriella Drive and Delsy Drive is finished. Patricia Drive, Gardenside Drive and Valley Lane projects will not go forward this year due to rising fuel costs. The monies that were allocated for these projects were used toward funding fuel. These projects are, however, on the front burner for next year.

The *No Engine Brake* signs are in and will be up by the end of the week. Mr. Kamps mentioned that he is working with the park on improving the stop signs that are currently in the parkway by putting in reflectors. The park will purchase the new signs and the city will install them.

Mr. Kamps said that Sprague Road is finished and the repaving work should last until 2015.

Mr. Nickell said that a lot of cold patching is falling out on various streets within the city. Mr. Kamps said that they are doing a lot of patchwork right now all over the city.

Mr. Nickell asked if the street sweeper could do another pass on Lynn Drive, Gabriella Drive and Delsy Drive. Mr. Kamps said that he is planning another pass down these streets.

Mr. Nickell said that a small portion of Lynn Drive was damaged by a bulldozer while work was being done on that street. Mr. Kamps was unaware of this, but will look into it.

Mr. Gentile asked about utility companies who perform work which requires them to go underneath the road surface and in doing so leave residual divots. Mr. Kamps said utility companies look to the city to make these repairs. The city's bid packet did not contain utility repair in the past, however, Mr. Kamps has incorporated utility repair work in the new bid packet.

Mr. Nickell asked about repaving Glenwillow Drive. Mr. Kamps said that Glenwillow Drive and Ivy Lane are going to be considered for asphalt work next year.

3. **Road rehabilitation** -No report.

4. **Edgerton Road reconstruction** -No report.

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

Robert Nottrodt, owner of Woodland Properties, Inc., was in attendance to talk to Mr. Schmitzer about the Mahican Way, Shawnee Circle and Chippewa Path in Indian Trails Subdivision, however Mr Schmitzer was not in attendance. Mr. Gentile told Mr. Nottrodt that since Mr. Schmitzer is not in attendance to make a recommendation to the committee, this issue will be relayed to the Planning Commission next week.

6. **Salt brine**

Mr. Kamps said we are moving forward with purchasing brine. He said he attended a meeting with other nearby communities where they discussed collectively purchasing a brine making station which would be located in either North Royalton, Brecksville, Broadview Heights or Independence. This station would allow these communities to make brine and fill their tanks on days when there is not a snow event.

7. **North Royalton N-STEP (Neighborhood Sidewalk Travel Expansion Program)**

Mr. Nickell said that the school is consolidating bus stops and due to this we may not have busing for up to a two mile radius in some areas which brings this issue more and more to the forefront. He said that we would like to add on 1,000 feet a year, starting in crucial areas. Mr. Gentile stated that the sidewalk program is an assessment program. Ms. Vozar said that the problem with assessing the homeowners is that residents who are forced to put in sidewalks and spend their money, are going to be very unhappy that they were assessed and are paying for this in their property taxes.

Mr. Kasaris said that based on the estimates provided by the Engineers office the cost to assess 120 feet or so per sidewalk is roughly \$4,000 which is about \$20 per month over a 20 year period.

Mr. Gentile discussed the Diamond Lanes that are in place in many parts of Strongsville. A Diamond Lane is a 3 or 4 foot wide area on each side of the road which is allocated for bicyclists and/or pedestrians. These areas are clearly marked with signs stating their purpose. Mr. Nickell said it would be nice if we were able to have a program such as this implemented into road construction projects.

Mr. Kasaris said we are going to have to talk to the Mayor to see how we are going to handle residents who complain about the ordinance regarding keeping their sidewalks clear this winter. Currently residents have five days to shovel their sidewalks after a complaint is issued. If residents do not take care of the problem within five days, they are cited with a minor misdemeanor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

William Ficyk, a Forestwood Lane resident, asked if it is possible to have more uniform hours at the recycling center. He also asked if there is any way to dispose of garbage other than on Saturday. Mr. Nickell said that most residents prefer to go to the recycling center on Saturday because they work during the week.. As far as the garbage disposal issue is concerned, Mr. Nickell said that all trucks are on the road Monday thru Friday and there is not a truck available to sit at that facility until Saturday.

Mr. Nickell asked about the amount of grass cutting we are currently performing on foreclosed city properties. Mr. Kamps said that we have not run into a huge influx of mowing. In some instances, the bank holding the mortgage will hire someone to maintain the property. Mr. Antoskiewicz said if the property is well overgrown, Public Service and Properties will take care of it, otherwise, the Recreation Department will take care of it.

Mr. Kamps mentioned there is a consideration to have an emergency landscape section which would take care of mowing throughout the city.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.