

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
November 6, 2008

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

Present: Vice Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, Vince Gentile; Council: Gary Petrusky, Dan Kasaris; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Service Director Kris Kamps, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer; Other Attendees: Joanne DuMound; Absent: John Nickell

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to excuse Mr. Nickell from the meeting.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Gentile, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to approve the minutes of October 2, 2008 with an amendment to Item 3 changing the word *trunked* to *punched*.** Yeas: 2. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Recycling program-rubbish co-mingling

Mr. Kamps announced that the rubbish trucks have arrived and are on the road. There have been a few glitches with the new EPA Emission System, but the dealership is working on this problem.

Mr. Kamps said he is waiting to hear back from one more person regarding getting a dumpster for the scrap at the service garage.

2. Road work 2008

Mr. Kamps said that asphalt repairs are still being made. The plant will remain open until Thanksgiving (weather permitting). Patch work has been completed on Bennett Road and Akins Road and clean-up work has been completed on Gregory Lane. Overlay work on Glenwillow Drive and Cady Road has also been completed. The Service Department is hoping to do some more work on Martin Drive. There has also been some asphalt repair work done on Donmar Drive and Swan Lake Boulevard.

Mr. Kamps said that the Service Department is presently working on the budget for the Service Department and the equipment budget and also the Road Repair Program for 2009.

3. Edgerton Road reconstruction

Mr. Schmitzer said that the Engineering Department is planning a final walk through with the contractor within the next week or two. Mr. Schmitzer said he has a lengthy list of "wish list" demands from residents because prior to this project there were no big ditches in the area, and with all of the work that has been done in that area, there are now ditches. Mr. Schmitzer said there are some areas that need to be restabilized and there are also some items that were not performed on this project. This project should be punch listed out this year (weather permitting), otherwise, it will be finished in early Spring.

Mr. Gentile asked if we are going to hold money back until the work is completed. Mr. Schmitzer said he always holds money back. He said he will come to an agreement on what work still needs to be completed and will hold that amount of money back until the work is finished.

4. Salt brine

Mr. Kamps said that we are still waiting for our tanks to come in to retro-fit our tandem. The new brine tank is in and is at the service garage and the pump station for the brine is also at the service garage.

Mr. Kamps said that we will be setting up a contract with Duck Creek Industries, a brine supplier. We will be paying 12 cents per gallon for brine and have it delivered to the service garage so we can use it this winter.

Mr. Gentile asked Mr. Kamps to explain how the brine will work. Mr. Kamps said the brine will be in tanks on the truck and will be sprayed onto the salt as it is being delivered through the spinner on the truck. By adding the brine to the salt, we will be able to use 30 percent less salt. He also said that since the salt will be wet, it will stick to the roadway better. Mr. Kamps said that in the future, he is hopeful that the city will be able to buy a tanker body for the hook truck that is being built. This will enable the Service Department to pre-wet intersections, bridges and hills with brine when we know a snow storm is coming. He said this is a good snow fighting tool.

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

No report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Mr. Kamps said North Royalton has received a sample Resolution for adoption along with other cities in Cuyahoga County, stating that we will reduce our salt usage overall by 30 percent. Mr. Kamps was on the Service Directors Committee for this program. He said we still want to provide residents with the same service we provided last year but believes we can achieve this type of savings with the use of salt brine, re-training of our staff and recalibration of our equipment.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Gentile to **adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.