

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES APRIL 1, 2014

The Streets Committee meeting was held on April 1, 2014 at North Royalton City Hall, 13834 Ridge Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:42 p.m.

PRESENT: Committee Members: Chair Paul Marnecheck, Vice Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell; Council: Dan Kasaris, Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller, Gary Petrusky; Administration: Mayor Robert Stefanik, Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Finance Director Eric Dean.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the March 4, 2014 minutes.** Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. **2014 Road Program**

Mayor Stefanik said that he and Mr. Cinquepalmi have been traveling the roads over the past weeks and have been through every subdivision to see how the roads fared over the winter. Some are better than others. We then sat down with the Finance Director to see how much extra money we could put into the road program this year. We came up with a number and some roads that we know we can get accomplished this year without dipping into our carry over. He said that we will be advertising for bids for the 2014 Road Program next week. The roads included in this program are going to be all of Pinebrook Estates, including Clearbrook Oval, Pinebrook, Hunters Lane, and Dogwood Trail. He said the process we want to use up there will be an asphalt overlay on concrete like we did on Christopher Drive which is holding up very well. We are also going to do Julia, James, Jay and Hi-View using a mill and fill type repair. We will also have enough money this year to do Wiltshire Road using the same process we used on Drake, Akins and Edgerton Roads. Mayor Stefanik said that this work will be approximately \$900,000. Additionally, we have budgeted \$150,000 for crack sealing, concrete panels, asphalt and joints, but we are going to bump this amount up also to whatever we need. He said we are going to run out of time before we run out of money this year. Mr. Marnecheck asked if they know how many feet of roadway is involved. Mayor Stefanik said he would get this information for Council. He said once the bid package is put together Council will get a copy. Mr. Dean said the money for this will come from the SCM&R carry over from last year. This fund ended last year with \$1.3 million. Even with the \$600,000 for the road program this year, we will end the year with a little less than a million in this fund. Mr. Antoskiewicz said this road schedule will take care of some of the worst roads in the city.

Mr. Cinquepalmi said that we already have a jump on the in-house road program. He said that we have been saw cutting for the last month every chance we get. We are going to finish the Police Department project in the next few days. Then we will go on to Hillside and would like to get at least the back half of this done this year and do the other half next year. He said they have also started saw cutting in Prince Charles. He said that they would then go over to Greenwood Oval, Bunker Court and Pinehill Court. He said that this is just the concrete crew. We are always going to have an asphalt patching crew working on the other streets cold patching and crack sealing. He said that the crack sealing crew will be out all the time unless it is raining. He said that in the last two years we have been doing this it has been amazing. The difference between areas that were patched but not crack sealed as well is like night and day. The crack sealing stops the water from getting under the joints and popping it out. Mayor Stefanik said we budgeted \$150,000 for this last year, but have increase that to \$300,000 for this year. The Mayor said that we have money from the income tax increase that was going to storm water and since we are now caught up with storm water and are performing only maintenance, we are going to shift those dollars over to the Streets Department and hit the streets hard for the next 4-5 years. Mr. Nickell asked if the Service Department wanted Council to notify them of chuck holes they find. Mr. Cinquepalmi said to send everything they can to him because they certainly can't see them all. A resident present at the meeting thanked those involved for attending to a problem with his street in a very timely manner.

Mr. Langshaw asked if we were going to hot patch that portion of Abbey Road between Albion and Sprague Road. Mr. Cinquepalmi said he knows that this is a bad section of road and they will do what they can, but at some point it becomes patch upon patch. Mr. Petrusky asked that the Service Department Monthly report distributed at this meeting be included as a part of the minutes.

2. **Sprague Road**

Mr. Schmitzer said we are finishing up some coordination between cities. What we are going out to bid on will be a little different than previously discussed. We had talked about recycling and milling and filling the asphalt pavement, but what we have decided to do is called “white topping”, which is basically getting a concrete road from State Road to Broadview Road. This will actually build a concrete road on top of what we have which is about 6-8 inches of asphalt sitting on top of a concrete base. We are going to mill off all of the asphalt down to the concrete base, make any minor repairs necessary to the base, put in an inch of asphalt buffer and create any needed pitch, then they will pour concrete over all this. There is an increase in cost for this and he is working out the final estimates, but he said we are looking at an increase of about \$400,000. The county is participating in this project 70%, so the three communities will share 30% of \$120,000, of which we are 25%, so we are looking at about \$30,000. Mayor Stefanik said all the cities involved met last week and this is what the engineers worked out. Mr. Schmitzer said that this has been thoroughly researched by all the communities and for this minimal increase in cost, we are getting a much superior product. In North Royalton we have a lot of the concrete channels for the ditches there. We can widen the road up to where these meet. Anywhere these don't exist, we are going to increase an additional foot of pavement on each side, resulting in 11 foot drive lanes. Mr. Marnecheck asked for a point of reference where other lanes in the city are 11 feet. Mr. Schmitzer said the southern side of Ridge Road has 11 foot lanes. Most of the lanes on Rt. 82 are 11 feet wide. He said that when State and Ridge Roads were repaved, we got the minimum of 11 foot lanes. Mr. Schmitzer said that he was tasked with getting the updated cost, getting a letter out to the county to get them to commit in writing on the design, working on intergovernmental agreements, and to provide an update on the project time frame, etc. for all the residents.

3. **Issue 1 Funding**

Mayor Stefanik said that the DOPWIC board is still negotiating and discussing the scoring method that they use. It currently leans toward sewer and water projects but the Mayors of Cuyahoga County want road projects to score higher, so they are looking at changing the scoring methodology. Once we know what that is going to be we will decide what types of projects we will go after.

4. **City Sidewalks**

Mr. Nickell said that we are ready to start with a Resolution of Necessity for State Road from Rt. 82 to Akins Road, and the small section on the Ridge Road CEI property to connect existing sidewalks to the parkway. Mayor Stefanik said we should talk to CEI and discuss this with them first. Mr. Nickell said that he wants to start the Resolution of Necessity tonight to get this going. Mr. Antoskiewicz said he thinks the first thing that needs to happen is that the property owners need to be notified. Mr. Kasaris said he would first need the actual cost because that is what the property owners will want to know. Mr. Antoskiewicz felt that they should be notified before we pass something saying this is going to happen. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he spoke with all the property owners on Edgerton Road about the water line prior to the introduction of the Resolution of Necessity. Mr. Antoskiewicz said it doesn't require a dollar amount to tell the property owners that we are looking at putting sidewalks on their property. He said that it is a common courtesy. Mr. Kasaris said that if he is the owner of that property and receives this notification, the first thing he would do is pick up the phone and call someone to ask what this is going to cost. So before any letter goes out or before we communicate with any resident, we should know how much it is going to cost. Mr. Schmitzer cautioned against telling a particular resident what they are going to pay. He said he can provide an estimate and said that the average linear foot cost is \$10/foot. Mr. Kasaris said that is all they are asking. Mr. Schmitzer said that we originally stopped the project at the city owned property just south of Memorial park, then he was asked to extend it to Akins. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if they were asking for a Resolution of Necessity to take this project to Akins Road.

Mr. Nickell said yes. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that this has changed from the conversation we had last month. He didn't think there was support for that. Mr. Nickell said there is now, we have 4 members in favor. Mr. Marnecheck asked who the four members are. Mr. Nickell said it was himself, Mr. Petrusky, Mr. Kasaris and Mr. Langshaw. Mr. Langshaw said he now supports this. He said he looked at the prior Master Plans and they called for sidewalks in this area and the Town Center District, which he said he considers the new City Hall to be a part of. He said the Town Center District should have sidewalks. He said it has taken him a year to review this and listen to residents, and he sees both sides of this, but for him it makes sense to go to at least Akins. Mr. Kasaris asked if he was talking about one side of the road or both. Mr. Langshaw said just the City Hall side. Mayor Stefanik said that taking the sidewalk from City Hall to Akins is creating a sidewalk to nowhere at this point. He can see it maybe down the road if the Metroparks gets the money from Clean Ohio to extend the walking trail. This would be the time to go from City Hall all the way to the parkway. He doesn't know why we would be punishing those six homeowners on Akins at this time. Mrs. Haller said that before the Resolution of Necessity can be introduced, Council must pass legislation authorizing the plans, specifications and estimates of cost to be prepared and filed with her office. This is the first step in the process that must be followed. She said that our Bond Counsel will prepare this legislation. Mr. Nickell said he wants to get this process started, notify the residents and let them know what we are thinking about doing, then this will open up the public discussion, the papers will cover it. Mr. Muller asked when the sidewalk study we are having conducted is expected to be completed. Mayor Stefanik said that he was not sure but would get that information for Council. Mr. Muller wondered if we should wait for this study to be done before we start legislation for the sidewalks. Mr. Nickell said he has no desire to wait for a study on something that is pretty self evident. Mr. Langshaw said that with the study you are looking at the entire city. He sees this as the Town Center District. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if the legislation would cover all the way to Akins, or would it stop at the food bank. Mr. Nickell said definitely from Rt. 82 to the end of the city owned property. Mr. Nickell said that there is extra space on the side of the road and asked if that could be considered a pedestrian pathway. Mr. Schmitzer said at best it could be considered a bike lane, it cannot be used as a pedestrian pathway. Mr. Nickell said that maybe we could compromise if from Akins Rd. to the Metroparks we could have a bike lane. Mr. Nickell said that yesterday there were 50 kids from the High School cross country team running down Ridge Road to the Metroparks. They usually then continue down State Road back to Rt. 82. Mr. Nickell said that this is not good for these kids. This is 50 lives. Mr. Marnecheck said that we need to make sure that we are not doing this only because 50 athletes choose to run there. Mr. Nickell said that there will be other people using the sidewalks as we improve the city and tie the whole town into the Metroparks. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the study is supposed to make its recommendations based on how many people they think will use sidewalks. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he is not convinced that in this day and age many people use sidewalks. Even when they go to the Metroparks, they drive there and park. He is not sure if by extending sidewalks to the Metroparks how many people this will actually help. He said even when he was out campaigning in places with sidewalks like Royal Valley subdivision, he never saw that many people walking. Mr. Nickell said that this is similar to the ADA act that required handicapped access to public buildings. How many wheelchairs are used at the High School? How many at Albion? Why did we put a ramp on City Hall when he has never seen a wheelchair use it. It's because it had to be done. Mr. Antoskiewicz said the difference with this is that when we put the ramp in here, it was paid for by taxpayer money that everyone in the city contributed to. When you put in a sidewalk, it is the individual property owner that is paying for it. Mr. Nickell said that some of these homes received waivers from putting in sidewalks under the condition that if sidewalks were to be installed they would pay for them. He said that he has not spoken with all of the homeowners, but he has spoken with a couple and he said that they are amiable to the idea. Mr. Nickell said that it is not a sidewalk to nowhere because once the Metroparks finishes the pathway it will connect us with all of our surrounding communities. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked why then wouldn't we wait until that project is completed. Mr. Nickell felt that the timing would all fall in place. Mayor Stefanik said that the Metroparks should find out in the spring if they have been awarded the funding from Clean Ohio. They said that the pathway would then be completed by the end of next year. Why don't we hold off one more month until we find out if they money has been awarded. If they receive the grant then maybe we should just consider going all the way down to the Metroparks. Mr. Nickell said that his reservations are

that he changed committees 2 years ago when this was an issue and we decided to wait for a study...and we waited. And then it was let's wait for the next study. Mayor Stefanik said this is not a study; this will be an official notification of whether the Metroparks got the money or not. Mr. Nickell said if we start the process, it doesn't mean we have passed anything. Mrs. Haller said that the first piece of legislation would require a decision on the parameters of the project. Mr. Nickell said he wants to take the project to Akins Road. Mr. Muller said his concern is let's say they don't get the funding, then we are going to have the residents upset about something that might not happen. He feels that we should wait to at least see if they get the funding. He would actually like to wait until the study is done, but if the others don't want to wait for that, we should at least make certain that the Clean Ohio funding for the Metroparks goes through. He said that it would be more logical to go all the way to the parkway rather than stopping at Akins. But he would still like to see what the study says first. Mr. Nickell said we have to start the process. We have had all kinds of tactics to delay this. He understands and is respectful about the money issue, however we are at a point where we are building a new City Hall, the city is growing and many other communities have done this. Mayor Stefanik said we are not trying to stall it. Mr. Nickell said that if he waits for any other study, for him it's stalling. Mayor Stefanik said we are not waiting on a study, we are waiting on the Clean Ohio funding. He said he will call and find out when the awards are going to be made. He is sure it is early spring and if the Metroparks get the funding then we would have a fantastic tool to sell it to the residents to go all the way to the Metroparks. Mr. Nickell said that we need to at least get this started. He asked those who are in favor of this project how far down they want the project to go. Mr. Kasaris said Akins. Mr. Langshaw said to Akins, but he sees the Mayor's point. If we are going to go to the parkway, he doesn't have a problem waiting for another month. Mr. Nickell said we have waited 3 years, and then 3 years before that. He said that he just wants to get the ball rolling. He can't discuss this with the residents if he doesn't have anything that says we are going to do this. If we get this started, now he has something to take to the residents. Mr. Antoskiewicz said in his mind it is all about being proactive to the property owners. Even if you don't have numbers, we should let them know what we are interested in doing. He said you may be surprised by what they have to say. If the majority of the property owners in the area say yes, then it becomes a real no brainer. Mr. Nickell said that we can do these things simultaneously. Just by starting this we are not saying that we are going to do this or not; we are just starting the process. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that part of the process is that we must declare the area that will be involved. Mr. Nickell said that if we do them as two separate projects, he is OK with that. Mr. Nickell said that he disagrees with minimizing the school kids use of the sidewalks because we use this for the city sponsored Bear Run, but we don't have safe travel for them and some years the weather has been bad. He said the proposed sidewalk on Ridge Road would have a very small impact. Mr. Nickell said that he would like to start both pieces of legislation; one from Rt. 82 to the city owned house south of the library, and the second from that address to Akins Road. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if we could add to this legislation to put sidewalks in down to the parkway should we learn later that the Clean Ohio grant has been awarded. Mr. Kelly said no, it would have to start from the beginning. Mr. Kelly said that one piece of legislation would cover Rt. 82 to the city property, the second would be from Rt. 82 to Akins, and then a third piece could cover Rt. 82 to the parkway. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked if a majority of Council was willing to take the project all the way to the parkway if the Metroparks is awarded the funding. Council said yes. Mr. Marnecheck asked if any of the residents said they want sidewalks in their front yard. Mr. Nickell said a lot of them will probably say no. Mr. Nickell asked Mrs. Haller if a motion was required to get the process started. Mrs. Haller said a motion would be fine, but cautioned Council that this may not be ready for the next meeting. She said that she will need to contact Bond Counsel and she does not know how long this process will take from there.

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to request the preparation of legislation requesting that the plans, specifications and estimate of costs be prepared for the three project areas discussed: Rt. 82 to 14900 State Road; Rt. 82 to Akins Road; and Rt. 82 to the Metroparks, west side of the street.** Yeas: **Two.** Nays: **One** (Marnecheck). **Motion carried.**

Mr. Kasaris wished to point out that the kids that run on State Road do not do that voluntarily; the school tells them where to run. Mr. Marnecheck said that they are in sports voluntarily. Mr. Antoskiewicz said

that the Coach should have the foresight to run these kids in areas that are not conducive to putting them in danger. Mr. Kasaris said the coach makes this decision, not the kids as Mr. Marnecheck said. Mr. Marnecheck said that he disagrees with this summarization of what he said. He was simply pointing out that he has not heard from the people who own these homes and he imagines that there are other places people can run in North Royalton.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Marnecheck **to adjourn the meeting**. Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried**. Meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Service Department Monthly Report

4/1/14

- March 4th – 14th – Snow Plowing and Patching

- March 17th – Ditching – State Rd south of Edgerton Rd (west side)
Patching – Bennett Rd, Abbey Rd, Royalton Rd
Mailbox repairs

- March 18th – Sweeping and patching Yorkview Rd
Saw Cut Hillside Dr
Mailbox repairs
Patching – Wiltshire Rd and Ridge Rd

- March 19th – Clean treelawns and sweep streets in Pinebrook Estates
Patching – Wiltshire Rd
Saw Cut Hillside Dr
Mailbox repairs on Edgerton Rd

- March 20th – Patching – Sprague Rd hill, Vista Dr
Ditching – Ride Rd south of Edgerton Rd
Saw Cut Industrial Pkwy
Sweeping – Cedarwood Estates and Prince Charles

- March 21st – Patching – Wiltshire Rd
Ditching – Ridge Rd to Cady Rd and State Rd
Saw Cut Police Department
Mailbox repairs
Salting – light snow 10:00 AM

- March 24th – Ditching – Ridge south of Cady Rd
Patching – Sprague Rd Akins Rd hill to Abbey Rd
Saw Cut Industrial Pkwy

- March 25th – Ditching – Albion Rd
Patching – Akins Rd, Wiltshire Rd, Royalton Rd
Mailbox repairs & signs

- March 26th – Plowing – streets & cul-de-sacs (6" of snow)

- March 27th – Berming – State Rd (by Valley Pkwy) Ridge Rd (by Boston Rd)
Patching – Sprague Rd, Royalwood Rd, Bennett Rd
Signs – Replace to high intensity
Saw Cut Prince Charles

- March 28th – Clean treelawns and sweep streets in Prince Charles
Patching –
Saw Cut Prince Charles
Signs – Installed new high intensity stop signs