

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2015

The Streets Committee meeting was held on November 4, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:54 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, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer, Other: Louis Krzepina, Ally Higgins, Alexandra Cossel.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the September 1, 2015 minutes and October 6, 2015 Committee minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Issue 1 Funding

Mayor Stefanik said that the preliminary rankings are due this Friday. Once they are received he will forward the information to Council. He said that we applied for the Tilby and Edgerton projects.

2. North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study

Mr. Marnecheck said that at our last meeting it was agreed that Council was going to reach out to their residents regarding this issue. Mr. Kasaris said that he did not send the letter out to the residents on the west side of State between Rt. 82 and City Hall because the thought occurred to him that based on the study and prior conversations held in this committee that one of the most important areas that should have a sidewalk would be the area around the YMCA and the Library. He asked if there was support from Council to send letters to the residents on Wallings and State Roads to have them come to the same meeting as the Ward 6 residents mentioned earlier. He said the residents to be contacted would be on State Road from Maple Drive north to the intersection, and from the intersection on Wallings Road east to where the sidewalk ends. Mr. Petrusky said that he has a question about this letter and the new tax code that we just changed. He said that the new code says that we can use city money for sidewalks. Mr. Petrusky said he wants to know how we are funding this; are we going to assess the residents or is the city going to pay for it. He asked if we are going to use city dollars, is it fair to everyone else in the city who paid for the sidewalk in front of their house. Mr. Kasaris agrees that the legislation states that the city can pay for it, but he is not advocating this. Mr. Petrusky said that before we do anything we need to figure out how it is going to be funded. Mr. Kasaris said that in his mind it was always going to be paid for through assessments because we don't have the money for these types of projects. Mayor Stefanik said that while he doesn't get a vote on this, he will not support anything that calls for the city to pay for sidewalks anywhere in the city except for on city property. Mayor Stefanik suggested that those who really want to move forward with sidewalks should get together and figure out where you want to do this and then bring it back to Council. He said there is no sense in beating this up every meeting. He can see the need for sidewalks from City Hall north to Rt. 82, but does not understand why we would want to continue them south to Akins. He said that the sidewalks would lead to nowhere. Mr. Kasaris said it would lead to Akins Road. Mayor Stefanik said then that we would be assessing 5 or 6 homes so that they can walk to City Hall. Mr. Kasaris said that he was here on a Saturday and walked State Road. He said that there were people skateboarding on State Road to get to the skate park. Mayor Stefanik said we need to find out first if these residents even want sidewalks. If they don't want sidewalks, then you need to decide if you are going to assess them. He said we don't need to be arguing about this every month. He said that we need to come to some kind of an agreement on this. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that the first thing we need to determine is if the majority of Council is in agreement on funding this through assessments. He said that if the majority of Council is not in favor of moving forward on this, then it is a dead issue. However if a Council member still feels that there should be sidewalks in their ward, his suggestion is that they go knock on some doors or send letters and have a ward meeting with the residents involved to discuss the matter and see how it goes. If it goes well, then the Councilman can bring it to the Streets Committee and we will talk about it. He felt that this is the way it should be handled. For us to keep talking about it isn't getting us anywhere. Mr. Kasaris said at the last Streets Committee meeting it was agreed to meet with the

residents on State Road from Rt. 82 to Akins Road. Mr. Kasaris asked if there is support to place a sidewalk down Wallings Road from the Sipping Post east to the city line, and south on State Road to perhaps Maple Lane. Mr. Petrusky suggested going beyond Maple Lane to Royalwood Road. Mr. Nickell said that regarding the sidewalk on State Road to Akins, it had been talked about taking that all the way to Metropark. He said that he would be willing to forgo that until the All Purpose Trail goes in. He asked Mr. Schmitzer if the city could widen the berm with asphalt instead of installing a sidewalk like what was done on Broadview Road where they added the extra width. Mr. Schmitzer that this is a bicycle lane and is not intended for pedestrians. He said that we could add asphalt anywhere if that is what Council wants to do. Mr. Nickell said he would also like the loop closed on Ridge Road up to the Metroparks. He felt that we could just start with these small projects. If there is no support for subsidizing these sidewalks with city funds, he understands and said that it would then be an assessment. Mr. Langshaw said that he would like to see the Town Center District connected with sidewalks. He said that he does not feel we should pull money from the General Fund unless there is a good reason. He said it makes sense to do a residential assessment. He said that he feels that there is at least an agreement amongst Council to install sidewalks from City Hall to Rt. 82. He said that the transportation study mentioned one area in his ward on State Road from Wallings Road to Castle. He said that on his side of the street, the grade is not conducive to sidewalk installation and it might make more sense to look at the opposite side of the street, which is not in his ward. He said that he is in favor of residential assessment as long as it is in strategic areas that will improve safety, and help connect neighborhoods, especially the Town Center District. He said that we need to make a decision and put it to a vote. Mr. Marnecheck asked if everyone is in agreement to pursue sidewalks on State Road from Rt. 82 south to Akins Road. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked what he means by being in agreement. He said all that he will agree to is that if there is an area of interest, we should meet with the residents to talk about it. He is not agreeing to assessing anyone or any project at this point. He said that whatever area we are talking about, the Council representative is the person who will be at the forefront of the project. They need to determine an area, talk to the residents and bring them up here for a meeting. He said that he does not want to do these at Streets Committee meetings; he wants to do them as ward meetings. Mr. Nickell said that this is how Mr. Antoskiewicz wants to do it, but if we still have a majority vote, then whoever doesn't want it will just vote no. He said that we have to get the process started and he would rather just send out the notices, have the residents come up here like we have done with sewer and water projects and not have any hidden agendas. Mr. Antoskiewicz didn't think there were any hidden agendas. He said the water project he supported on Edgerton Road was different than this because the homeowner directly benefited from the project, whereas a resident might not feel that a sidewalk is a direct benefit to them to spend their money on. He said that he is just suggesting that each ward representative contact the residents involved. It was the consensus of the committee that they would leave this on the agenda pending ward representatives coming forward after meeting with their residents.

3. **Service Department Report**

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

4. **Outstanding punch list items**

Mr. Schmitzer said that the contractor has completed the crack sealing and the landscaping touch ups have been done. The contractor is still waiting for an answer from his subcontractor regarding the curbs that have been repaired and cracked again. Regarding the water pooling at the intersection of Julia and Ridge and Hi-View and Ridge Mr. Schmitzer said that they have re-shot the elevations and they believe that this can be resolved with a slight gutter grind on the asphalt pavement and removing some pavement on Ridge where the alligator cracks are and blending it better. He said that this will be scheduled once the concrete work is done. Mr. Marnecheck asked about the issues such as broken mailbox pads. Mr. Schmitzer said that this is on the punch list with the contractor.

5. Bennett Road

Mayor Stefanik said that they have a tentative meeting set with the Post Office to talk about residents whose mailboxes are too far off the street and whether they are going to enforce their standards for mailbox placement or if we will have the police enforce our standards about mail trucks riding off the shoulder in between mailboxes. He said that they are also going to discuss route scheduling issues as well. He said that he will keep Council informed on these discussions. Mr. Kasaris said that it appears that the manhole covers are now more flush with the road and asked what the contractor did to accomplish this. Mr. Schmitzer said that he does not know for sure, but they may have brought the rollers back and used a heavier weight to compact it further. Once asphalt is compacted, it is still compactible for about 5-10 days after. He said that together with the warmer weather, they may have been able to compact this further. He said that this is still an item he will look at regarding the punch list to ensure that any and all castings are adjusted. He said that we had the same issue on York Road when the county did the work. In some areas it is necessary to cut a small square around the structure and actually adjust the structure to the correct elevation and pour a concrete cap around the edge so that the rim is flush with the road. Mr. Kasaris said that there are a number of areas off the berm on Bennett Road where the road is still lower than the ground, creating an issue with getting water into the sewer. He asked if this was on the punch list as well. Mr. Schmitzer said yes. Mr. Kasaris asked what other items are on the punch list. Mr. Schmitzer said driveway aprons, edge striping, and traffic loops. He said that the punch list walk through is tomorrow afternoon with the county and the contractor. Discussion on berm maintenance took place. Mr. Muller said that he sent in an Action Form for two residents who were not satisfied with their driveway aprons. Mr. Schmitzer said that he will make sure he takes a look at this.

6. 2015 Infrastructure Program

Mayor Stefanik said that Abbey Road will be finished later this month and we will be revisiting some issues with the contractor. Mr. Kasaris asked if we will be putting a barrier in between the asphalt and the concrete at the end of Abbey. Mr. Schmitzer said yes. The portion north of Pinebrook where it is a concrete cross section will be the same as Goodman and Hawley where we put an inch and a half of asphalt down, put a fabric down and then another inch and a half of asphalt on top of that. Mr. Schmitzer said that all the roads need to have curb repairs done, catch basin adjustments, monument boxes, manholes and valve boxes brought up to grade, and there are one or two ADA curb ramps that need to be upgraded. Once this is done they will be putting the fabric down on Goodman, Hawley and the northern part of Sprague. The following week they plan on paving all 4 roads with the final coat and then striping the roads as necessary. Mr. Kasaris asked if Akins Road will be done next week. Mr. Schmitzer said that paving will not happen until November 16, 2015 based on the current schedule. Discussion was held on time and scheduling problems with the contractor with both Mr. Nickell and Mr. Marnecheck voicing concerns about future contract awards to this company. Mr. Schmitzer said that we can look at putting some language into future contracts to avoid any future problems. Mayor Stefanik pointed out that this contractor is still within the originally agreed upon time frame.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Petrusky asked if we are ready for the snow. Mayor Stefanik said yes. The three new trucks should be in by December 10th but we still have a full fleet ready to go when needed.

Mr. Kasaris asked if we were looking at installing a traffic light on Rt. 82 anywhere between the bank and Pineforest Apartments due to the fact that a major retailer is scheduled to go in to the new building on Rt. 82. Mr. Schmitzer said no. When the developer came to the city, based on the zoning of that area, any use that he has does not generate enough traffic to warrant any improvements of that nature. Mr. Kasaris asked if there will ever come a time when we will have to look at installing a traffic light somewhere on Rt. 82 between Ridge Road and State Road. Mr. Schmitzer said that this might possibly happen when they study the widening of Rt. 82.

Mr. Kasaris asked if there is a timeframe for repair of the casings that have sunk on Bennett Road. Mr. Schmitzer said that this would be the responsibility of the Service Department and he is not aware of what their scheduling is.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to adjourn the November 4, 2015 meeting**. Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Street Department Monthly Report – October 2015

10/5/15-MON.

Concrete-pour 100 yards of new driveway.
Culvert Pipe-11665 W130th rip out bad pipe install new pipe back fill and install asphalt apron.
Mowing-start cutting in the southwest corner of the city.
Rec. Dept.-sent one guy down to help out.

10/6/15-TUE.

Concrete-finish the driveway, [65 yards].
Catch Basins-Jamestown we ripped out 9 basins and started repairs.
Asphalt-start grinding and cleaning the area by the new driveway for new asphalt.

10/7/15-WEDS.

Catch Basins-repair and set up all basins for a Thursday pour.
Asphalt-install 12 ton of asphalt along the side of new driveway.
Mowing-mow and weed whack the three corners of RT82 and York Rd.

10/8/15 THUR.

Catch Basins-poured all 9 basins.
Culvert Pipe-9503 Albion rip out 80 feet of bad pipe replace with new and set up for asphalt apron.
Mowing-start retention basins [Lodge, Jamestown, Helen and hunting].

10/9/15-FRI.

Concrete-pour two sections of sidewalk on Jamestown 10033, 10047. [Storm line leaked].
Asphalt-9503 Albion install new apron. 3304 Rt82 wash out by mailbox filled with asphalt also did asphalt strip at 4458 Rt82 [new driveway].
Signs-make up new signs.

10/12/15MON.

Concrete-15103 Waterford pour short section of sidewalk.
Patching-Progress Parkway we patched the entire road [mostly joint repair].
Hauling-all the asphalt from the new driveway to the dump site. [Kokosing].

10/13/15-TUES.

Concrete-two crews [both doing sidewalks] one at Waterford and the other one at Jamestown ripping out for a Wednesday pour.
Rec. Dept.-sent one guy down to help out.
Storm Water-sent two guys over to help out.

10/14/15-WEDS.

Concrete-pour sidewalks on Waterford. Jamestown still needs some set up we'll pour it on Thursday.
Landscaping-in Jamestown, all the catch basins and the sidewalk we poured last week.
Rec. Dept.-sent one guy down to help out.
Signs-fix sign at the end of Wiltshire rd. put up new high intensity signs.

10/15/15-THUR.

Concrete-10380 State rd. install new apron over new culvert that storm water put in. also poured last section of road and sidewalk in Jamestown.

Landscaping-Waterford did sidewalks that were poured Wednesday.

10/16/15-FRI.

Concrete-poured last section of sidewalk on Waterford [storm line issues].

Asphalt-fixed some bermming issues along Albion rd. did hot patching throughout the city.

Landscaping- landscaping around sidewalks on Waterford.

Storm Water-sent one guy over to help out.

10/19/15-MON.

Concrete- rip out two slabs on Beckenham rd.and set up for Tues. pour.

Landscaping-finish landscaping last sidewalk pour on Waterford.

Rec. Dept.-sent one guy down to help out.

10/20/15-TUES.

Concrete-poured 11 yards on Beckenham rd. Sent the crew over to 10225 N. Red Oak to saw cut and remove a section of curb and set up for weds. Pour.

Asphalt-installed asphalt strip at 10380 State rd. Then went to Chesapeake to do joint repair.

Saw Cutting-RT.82 around the 11900 block.

10/21/15-WEDS.

Concrete-pour the street and curb at 10225 N. Red Oak.

Asphalt-rip out two large sections of RT.82 and install new asphalt [around the 11900 block].

Signs-take down H.H.W.to C.C.H.W. facility.

10/22/15-THUR.

Joint Repair- start on Mercury dr.

Concrete-4228 Royalwood rip out sidewalk [sanitary line issues] set up to pour tomorrow.

Signs-fix traffic lights put up new high intensity signs.

10/23/15-FRI.

Concrete-poured a driveway apron on Wiltshire for storm water also poured the sidewalk at 4228 Royalwood for Waste water.

Joint Repair-finish Mercury then start on Titan dr.

Signs-make up new high intensity signs.

10/26/15-MON.

Joint Repair-finish Titan dr. Also did some street patching Ridge rd.8042 Albion rd. and RT82 across from the cemetery [new driveway apron was poured].

Landscaping-all recent concrete jobs [sidewalks, aprons].

Rec. Dept.-sent two guys down to help out.

10/27/15-TUES.

Asphalt-rip out a section of RT82 by Hampton Club apt. install new patch.

Joint Repair-return to Chesapeake dr.

Rec. Dept.-sent two guys down to help out.

10/28/15-WEDS.

Ditching-start at 8152 Edgerton rd. and went down the next 4 properties to get positive flow.

Flood Patrol-sent out 3 crews to keep everything clear and open [no calls for flood issues].

Rec. Dept.-sent two guys down to help out.

Signs-put up new high intensity signs.

10/29/15-THUR.

Joint Repair-finish Chesapeake dr.

Concrete-rip out dugout down at rec. dept. set up to pour new pad tomorrow.

Rec. Dept.-sent two guys down to help out.

10/30/15-FRI.

Asphalt-install two strips on new driveway aprons. Sent the same crew out to landscape the last two concrete jobs.

Concrete-finish ripping out the dugout down at rec. dept.

Signs-fix traffic lights. Also install new high intensity signs.