

**STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 3, 2015**

The Streets Committee meeting was held on February 3, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Committee Members: Chair Paul Marnecheck, Vice Chair Larry Antoskiewicz, John Nickell; Council: Dan Kasaris, Dan Langshaw, Steve Muller, Gary Petrusky; Administration: Service Director Nick Cinquepalmi; Other: Lou Krzepina, Laura Kemp.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Nickell to **approve the January 6, 2015 minutes.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. **Sprague Road**

Mr. Schmitzer said that we are on hold until hopefully late March if the weather breaks and we can begin work again, but probably more like sometime in April. They will then finish the road from the corporation line east to Broadview, come back and clean up everything in all three cities, stripe and be done by mid to end of July. He said that there is an outstanding item of drainage concerns that Mr. Petrusky brought up coming down from Parma east of Thornhurst at the culvert that crosses the road. He said that he spoke with Parma and we are going to have a plan ready for spring. He said that he feels that the North Royalton resident at the corner will have to have some work done to remove an obstruction where the creek is piped in and restore the creek back. He said that this should take care of most of the problem, but there is still more drainage coming than there should be at a point source from Parma and we need to work on that as well, along with the relining that he has proposed for this culvert. He is hopeful to have an action plan in place by the April meeting.

2. **Issue 1 Funding** No update.

3. **North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study**

Mr. Kasaris asked when the sidewalk will be installed on State Road in front of City Hall. Mr. Schmitzer said that Mr. Jordan has been in charge of this item. Mr. Marnecheck asked that Mr. Jordan have an update for the next meeting.

4. **Service Department Report**

Mr. Cinquepalmi reviewed the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said within the last month they designed, built and installed a grate for the Brookside Circle retention basin in Royal Valley. He said last summer they repaired a structure on another retention basin there. He said the Homeowners Association is looking to dredge the area, so we took care of what we needed to. He said they are trying to get small jobs done in between all of the snow plowing.

Mr. Cinquepalmi wished to discuss the 2015 road supplies and street striping. He said that these are supplies that we bid out every year. He said that this is ready to go out to the newspapers tomorrow if approved tonight. He said they also want to mail out proposals for city wide street striping. Mr. Kasaris asked if this will include Bennett Road hill. He said that it has been two years and it still isn't properly striped. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that from Ridge Road down to Edgerton is included in the specs. He said that they left out Sprague Road and the portion of Bennett Road that will be repaved. Mr. Nickell asked if this is going to have to wait until fall. Mr. Cinquepalmi said no, we have a two month window when school is out to get this done. He said that will interfere with the crack sealing he wanted to do this year because a lot of the sealing needs to be done on the center joint of the road where the double yellow line is. He is hopeful of being able to time this properly and get it done before the striping. He said as soon as weather permits they will start crack sealing. Mr. Cinquepalmi briefly reviewed the crack sealing process. Mr. Marnecheck wished to verify that all city streets were included in the bid packet. Mr. Cinquepalmi

said yes. They work with the Police Department and the schools, and everything is set to go. Mr. Marnecheck asked how the bidding is impacted because the county has awarded us all the money for crack sealing; do they bid for the materials or do we. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that we still have to purchase the material and then request reimbursement. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that this is going to be a 5 year program for the county. He said that some of our surrounding communities are going to portion out their streets over the 5 years. He said that we decided to put in for the whole city for one year. That way in 3-4 years when the streets need to be crack sealed again, we can get the funding again. Mr. Marnecheck asked if there was a deadline by which we have to use the \$48,000. Mr. Cinquepalmi said no, we have five years to use it.

5. **Widening of Rt. 82 hill (portion)**

Mr. Schmitzer said that he has discussed this with ODOT to find out what would be required because ODOT has changed their process over the last few years on improvements to a state route. Although it is a state route any repairs and maintenance are up to the local municipality. He asked ODOT if this was a project that the city wanted to take on themselves, basically widening 500-700 feet, what would the process be to get approvals. ODOT said because it is a minor widening, it is up to the local municipality to do what they want, but keep them in the loop because they program out every 10 years or so resurfacing projects on the state routes. Rt. 82 is set to be resurfaced from York Road to the east corporation line in 2019. They would want to know what improvements we have done so that they know how much more pavement needs to be added on to their scope of work. Mr. Schmitzer said that ODOT suggested that a traffic study be done to show the need for the improvement. They spoke about costs and agreed that the project would cost upwards of \$1 million, especially with right of way acquisitions which can be a timely and costly endeavor. ODOT also felt that the project would take 2-3 years to complete. Mr. Schmitzer said that he asked about adding this portion to the scope of the widening that is currently being proposed by the county and he was told that they are too far into the process and it would delay the project by at least 6-9 months. He said there are federal funds in the widening project and this would mean that they would have to go through the entire ODOT process which is an environmental process, get the necessary clearances and right of way acquisitions. He said that it could be done but he did not feel that it would be a good idea. Mr. Nickell asked how much federal money is involved with the widening project. Mr. Schmitzer said that the last numbers that were discussed, our cost share was going to be \$350,000 and they were going to try and get Issue 1 money to cover our share. He said the entire project is \$12.6 million. Mr. Nickell felt that widening this small section was important to our economic development. He said we are between two major highways and we have a 3 lane hill that goes into 2 lanes with curves and said that he agrees that it is an engineering nightmare. He said it's more than just about traffic flow and accidents. Mr. Nickell said it's a problem in the morning and at rush hour. Mr. Nickell said that he doesn't want to stop the current project, but said that the next section of Rt. 82 isn't planned for a long time. Mr. Schmitzer agreed that it is not NOACCA's radar currently. He said that NOACCA has told him that they had the whole Rt. 82 corridor from I-71 to I-77 programmed years ago, but it died with the economy. He said we saved the federal earmark to do what we could with the intersection widening and the rest is being used now for design. He was told that there is nothing planned for the remainder of Rt. 82 in their future projections. Mr. Nickell said that Broadview Hts. is trying to come up with the money to widen Rt. 82 to four lanes from I-77 to at least Broadview Road. He said that he wants to help us keep our flow and encourage businesses to come to our York Road Industrial Park and he said that truckers are going to say that it takes too much time to get through North Royalton so he is looking at this as an economic development investment as well. Mr. Nickell said that he would at least like to entertain a traffic study. He said regarding the 6-9 month delay mentioned earlier, he asked if we tell them we want to add this project, does everything stop. Are they starting anything this year. Mr. Schmitzer said no they are not, but you have to realize that they have already gone through all the approvals that have taken years. Mr. Nickell said that he doesn't want to jeopardize this project, but doesn't want to spite ourselves either. Mr. Schmitzer said that we are already looking at 2018 as the date for this widening construction. Mr. Kasaris asked if there is any chance that Issue 1 would pay for this. Mr. Schmitzer said he looked into this and they would cover up to 50% on a grant for any new construction or expansion. This is not a reconstruction, so it is an expansion of a portion of the road. It

would cover right of way, engineering, designs and construction costs up to 50% of the estimate. The two factors that weigh in the most on the scoring for Issue 1 is health and safety, and infrastructure age. He said that we would have both of those going for us because the last major improvement on that portion of Rt. 82 was a long time ago. Mr. Nickell asked if there were any accident statistics for that pinch point. Mr. Schmitzer said that he would have to ask the Police Chief for this data and he would submit this to Issue 1 as well. Mr. Nickell asked if there is any chance that we have already secured some of the right of way acquisitions when we did the last expansion. Mr. Schmitzer said no, he has looked at the improvement plans for the project and only the needed right of ways were acquired at that time. Mr. Schmitzer said that the reason that a lot of the bottle neck happens in this area is because you are going from 35 mph to 25 mph coming up a hill. He said you are filtering down to one lane, but still when you open up to that second lane it is only open as a through lane for another 1,500 to 2,000 feet and then it becomes a dedicated right turn lane only onto Ridge Road. Mr. Nickell said that this is a major center for the city. He said the high school is there and you have hundred of cars coming into this center every single day and there are all types of events at the stadium that utilize this right turn lane. He understands that it doesn't continue through the intersection but it is still significant. Mr. Kasaris asked if we could apply for Issue 1 funding for this next year. Mr. Schmitzer said that it will be up to Council to decide this. He said that he can come up with an estimate for the next meeting so that discussions can be held and see if you wish to make an application. Mr. Antoskiewicz said he would like to see how much money the city would have to come up with because we are talking a lot of money for a small area. He asked Mr. Schmitzer to get an estimate on what a traffic study would cost so that we have an idea of the amount of money that we might be spending to look into this. Mr. Nickell agreed. Mr. Schmitzer said that he would look in to the Issue 1 guidelines further to see if there can be combinations of grants, loans and matches. He also said that he would contact a few traffic consultants to give him an estimate and try to have that to Council in the next few weeks. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that we need to know these costs before we begin to look at the next step. Mr. Nickell said that it is very important that any traffic study that is to be performed here needs to be done during the school year because the schools represent a good portion of this traffic. Mr. Kasaris asked how much right of way we would have to acquire. Mr. Schmitzer said it would be 4-5 different landowners. Mr. Langshaw asked for a start date for the current Rt. 82 project from York to W. 130<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Schmitzer said that the tentative schedule is to start in 2018, but it is still a possibility that some of the utility relocations could start in late 2017, and he expects the project will take two construction seasons.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **1. 2015 Road Supplies and Street Striping**

This item was discussed under the Service Department Report.

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

Mr. Mamecheck asked Mr. Schmitzer where he was at with the 2014 road program punch list. Mr. Schmitzer said nothing can be done during the winter. We have already gone out and identified areas of deficiencies and both contractors have agreed to come back in the spring and take care of any issues remaining at that point. He said that we are still under the 2 year warranty period as well.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Mr. Antoskiewicz, seconded by Mr. Nickell **to adjourn the February 3, 2015 meeting.** Yeas: 3. Nays: 0. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 7:12 p.m.

Street Department Monthly Report – January 2015

1/5/15-MON.

Salting- freezing rain[early morning changing over to heavy rain].

Flood Patrol- check basins & waterways.

Patching-check city streets.

1/6/15-TUES.

Plowing- all three shifts.

Signs- inventory.

1/7/15-WEDS.

Plowing-all three shifts.

1/8/15-THUR.

Mailbox's-repair or replace any mailbox damage done by snow plows.

Signs-inventory.

Patching-potholes [per N.R.P.D.].

Signs- last day of inventory.

1/9/15-FRI.

Plowing-all three shifts.

1/12/15-MON.

Plowing-all three shifts.

1/13/15-TUES.

Patching- Bennett rd., Rt.82, Ridge rd., Abbey rd.

Mailboxes-fix mailboxes all throughout the city.

1/14/15-WEDS.

Patching- central& northwest developments, Bennett rd. and Abbey rd.

Mailboxes-finish downed mailboxes from heavy snow.

Signs-repair signs.

1/15/15-THUR.

City Green-sent morning shift to start tearing down Christmas decorations & chip trees.

Patching- second shift filled potholes.

1/16/15-FRI.

Garage-have two guys check plow blades [tighten loose bolts. Change worn blades].

Signs-replace downed signs ,make more high intensity signs.

1/19/15-MON.

Salt-third shift, plow & salt

Patching-all city streets.

Signs- work on high intensity signs.

1/20/15-TUES.

Memorial Park-haul dirt in morning [start snowing at 10:00am].

Salting-plow & salt city streets.

1/21/15-WEDS.

Plowing-all shifts

Signs-make up high intensity signs.

1/22/15-THUR.

Salting-salt city streets in morning hours.

Memorial Park- remove more dirt for new playground.

Patching-Bennett rd. Abbey rd. Rt 82 Vista dr.

1/23/15-FRI.

Patching-all potholes on city streets.

Garage-wash trucks & clean garage

1/24/15-SAT.

Snowing- plow & salt.

1/25/15-SUN.

Snowing-plow & salt.

1/26/15-MON.

Plowing-plow & salt.

Patching-all city streets

1/27/15-TUES.

Salting-morning [rush hour] streets froze overnight.

Patching-all city streets.

Signs-make up high intensity signs.

1/28/15-WEDS.

Patching-all city streets.

Signs- put up new high intensity signs.

1/29/15-THUR.

Salting-freezing rain.

Patching-all city streets.

1/30/15-FRI.

Patching-all potholes

Plowing-cleared streets