

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES

MARCH 3, 2015

The Streets Committee meeting was held on March 3, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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, Police Chief John Elek, Safety Director Bruce Campbell, City Engineer Mark Schmitzer; Other: Lou Krzepina.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Sprague Road

Mr. Schmitzer said that there are no updates. He said that more scheduling will be ready by the April meeting as we get closer to the thaw. He said they are working with Parma to get the drainage issue by Thornhurst resolved.

2. Issue 1 Funding

Mayor Stefanik said there is nothing new to report. He said for next year's submissions, the Issue I Task Force is still going through the possibility of changing some of the scoring criteria to include cities that have not received money in the previous years and perhaps giving them more points. Mr. Langshaw asked that the Mayor keep Abbey Road in mind for submission next year. Mayor Stefanik said that we had this discussion a few weeks ago and we know that there are several bad roads in North Royalton and we always go with our pavement management program. He knows that everybody wants to get a road done in their ward, but this Council has been very good in the past at always doing the worst roads first. If Abbey Road is the worst road at that time, it will definitely be considered.

3. North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study

Mr. Jordan said that a work session was held with NOACA. He said that the on line responses equaled all of the other responses they received in their 3 other TLCI studies. He said the survey asked responders to prioritize the uses for alternative transportation needs such as work, school, recreation, etc. and the top response by far was for recreation. Given the priorities of the responders, the next step is to locate bike and walking paths that meet these goals throughout the city and make some recommendations based on the demographic information, determine where most of the people are trying to get to for recreational purposes and find links that will bring the greatest number of people to these locations. These are the types of findings that they will present. He said that he feels there is a substantial amount of work yet to be done before these results are shared with the public. He asked for an update to be forwarded to his office before the public meeting. He said there may be the need for an additional work session to finalize the results. He said that the next public meeting will be sometime in April and Council will be notified. He said that the last meeting was well attended and this meeting will have more specifics and recommendations in the report.

4. Service Department Report

Mr. Cinquepalmi reviewed the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. Mr. Nickell said that the Service Department is doing a great job with the snow removal and said he hardly receives any calls or complaints. Mr. Kasaris said that he heard we had 3 trucks break down on Sunday and asked if they have been repaired. Mr. Cinquepalmi said that he didn't think that we had 3 trucks down on Sunday, but stated that repairs are made as quickly as possible in order to get the trucks back in service. He said that all of the equipment is ready to roll out the door before any storm event. Mr. Kasaris asked if our fleet is too old and do we need to address this, or is this something that just happens during the winter. Mr. Cinquepalmi said he doesn't think it is any different than anywhere else. Everyone would like to have

brand new vehicles. He said that the vehicles take a lot of abuse and even the newer trucks break down. He said that we fix them and get them going again. Mr. Marnecheck asked if all of the trucks were out on the roads. Mr. Cinquepalmi said absolutely; all trucks were out and all employees were on duty.

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

Mayor Stefanik said that the Police Chief and the Safety Director have been looking into this and have some information to report this evening. Chief Elek said that they are not experiencing any problems with this area and have had very few accidents in this area. He said that if we were to widen this area, it would go back down to just on lane eastbound at Ridge Road, so all we are doing is moving the problem, if there is a problem, further down the road. He said that we would need to have a traffic study done. He said that the peak times seem to be related to school activities and it doesn't usually last too long. He said that we can also look at retiming the lights to see if this would help alleviate any traffic problems in the area. Mr. Nickell said that he would like this to be included in our long term plans because he feels it is significant. He felt as we widen other parts of Rt. 82 we should look at this. He asked if there could be signs posted telling drivers not to "block the grid" at the intersections. This refers to those trying to make the light but don't make it and get stuck in the intersection, thus blocking traffic in all directions. He said New York City has signs posted that seem to help. He thought this might be something to think about. Chief Elek said we could put up signs, but it is already state law that you cannot block intersections. **Remove from agenda.**

NEW BUSINESS

No new business

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to adjourn the March 3, 2015 meeting.** Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Street Department Monthly Report – February 2015

2/2/15-MON.

Plowing-all shifts, day & night.

2/3/15-TUE.

Plowing -city streets.

Patching-potholes.

Mailbox's-repair downed boxes from plowing.

2/4/15-WED.

Plowing-all shifts, day & night.

2/5/15-THUR.

Plowing-all shifts, day & night.

2/6/15-FRI.

Patching-potholes [lots of them, two shifts].

Mailbox's-fixing damaged boxes from plowing.

2/9/15-MON.

Salting-freezing rain followed by light snow.

Patching- all city streets.

2/10/15-TUES.

Patching-potholes[all day].

Signs-fix mailbox's- replaced traffic lights[per N.R.P.D.].

2/11/15- WED.

Patching-potholes [both shifts]

2/12/15-THUR.

Salting-light snow clean up developments.

2/13/15-FRI.

Patching- potholes.

Storm water-sent two guys into storm water to help with project.

2/14/15-SAT.

Plowing-all shifts [overtime]

2/15/15-SUN.

Plowing-two shifts [overtime]

2/16/15-MON.

Garage-wash trucks clean garage floor.

Signs-fix signs and repair mailbox's.

2/17/15-TUES.

Garage- check trucks [fluid levels, plow racks. Tires]for next snow event.

Signs-repair mailbox's.

Patching-fill potholes through-out the city.

2/18/15-WED.

Plowing –all shifts.

2/19/15-THUR.

Plowing-all shifts.

2/20/15-FRI.

Patching-fill potholes though-out the city.

2/21/15-SAT.

Plowing-first & second shift[on overtime].

2/23/15-MON.

Plowing –cleaning developments.

Patching-potholes.

2/24/15-TUES.

Garage-cleaning trucks[two shifts].

Signs-repairing mailbox's.

2/25/15-WEDS.

Patching-potholes.

Mailbox's-repairing damaged boxes.

2/26/15-THUR.

Plowing-plowing & salting[both shifts].

Signs-replaced P.E.D. lights [per N.R.P.D.]. also repaired damaged signs.

2/27/15-FRI.

Garage-check trucks & plows [weekend storm coming].

Patching-fill potholes.