

STREETS COMMITTEE MINUTES
JULY 7, 2015

The Streets Committee meeting was held on July 7, 2015 at North Royalton City Hall, 14600 State Road. The meeting was called to order at 6:35 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, Other: Louis Krzepina, John Jencson, Amanda Konet, Youstina Melek, Don Keehn.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Nickell, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz to **approve the June 2, 2015 minutes.** Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Sprague Road

Mr. Schmitzer said that they are finishing up the last of the work. There have been a couple minor washouts in the Broadview Hts./Parma area where there is a low point just west of St. Mathias. He said we are going to meet with the contractor to see what Parma and Broadview Hts. want to do to secure this area. There may need to be a change order similar to what we have done before, but there would be no additional cost to North Royalton. He said he does not yet have a definitive time for completion of the project. He said they have been compiling a list of concerns/comments from residents and the municipalities involved and when we are ready to walk the project, these will be addressed. Mr. Petrusky asked if there have been any problems down by Thornhurst. He said that he has driven the area when it was raining, and the water spills over the roadway and he is concerned that this will cause damage under the road. He asked if they any future plans to address this. Mr. Schmitzer said that he will continue to be as persistent as possible to make sure that this is addressed. He said it has been brought up numerous times, but he has yet to receive a call back to set up a meeting. He said he will stay on this. Mr. Petrusky said he also noticed that there is standing water in the roadway near a couple of the pipes we replaced under the road up close to the border. Mr. Schmitzer said that they are aware of this issue. They are going to try the micro grinding and if that doesn't work, there are 4-5 slabs that will have to be taken out and repoured. Mr. Nickell said that on Parma's side several of the aprons were never replaced and they still have the old culvert pipes. He said he was surprised that this was allowed. Mr. Schmitzer said that this was Parma's call. He said that Parma was given the same option to replace the pipes before the driveways were poured, which is what we did here in North Royalton, but they chose to not do the work.

2. Issue 1 Funding

Mayor Stefanik reported that the meetings are coming up shortly and we will be submitting for Tilby Road and Edgerton Road. Legislation will be forthcoming.

3. North Royalton Alternative Transportation Study

Mr. Marnecheck said that he received an email from Tom Jordan stating that he spoke with NOACA this morning and that a draft report will be forwarded to Mr. Jordan. After his review, a final report will be shared with Council in September. The report will summarize existing conditions, public input, recommendations for sidewalk and bicycle paths and a section on possible funding sources. Mr. Marnecheck said we will leave this on the agenda pending the final report. Mr. Kasaris asked Mr. Cinquepalmi when the sidewalk in front of City Hall will be installed. Mayor Stefanik said that we have not yet talked about this with everything else that is going on right now. He said that we need to talk about the other connection between here and Rt. 82. Once this assessment project is underway then we will install our sidewalk as well. Mr. Nickell asked if we would need a Resolution of Necessity for this. Mayor Stefanik said yes. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that it's late in the season to start a project like this. Mr. Nickell said that we should at least get the paper work moving forward. Mr. Nickell asked if Mr. Antoskiewicz is OK with getting the paper work started. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he knows that at some point we are going to do this. He said we will have this study in September and we can look at it then. Mr. Nickell said

that the study won't bring us any money. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that it might. They are going to recommend possible funding sources. He said that before we do any legislation, he would like to contact the homeowners involved to let them know that this project is something we are looking at rather than them finding out through the newspaper. Mr. Nickell said that we look like a backwards community with having our City Hall not connected to anything. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he has no problem with us connecting, he feels we owe it to the residents to contact them first to let them know what we plan to do before we just go ahead and do it. They should have the opportunity to voice their opinion on this project. Mr. Nickell said that we should go ahead and notify the residents. Mr. Kasaris said that Mr. Antoskiewicz's point is well taken. He asked how far south on State Road are we going and asked if this is something that might be covered in the study. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he thinks that the study covers it all. He said he thought we were just talking about going from City Hall north to Rt. 82. Mr. Kasaris said that if the portion south of City Hall is covered in the study, he felt that we should wait and do the whole thing at once. Mr. Nickell said that he is skeptical. He said that the study will be done and will tell us what we already know. He said that he does not believe that any funding is forthcoming. He said we need pedestrian pathways in certain areas of the city. He said that he knows there will be a cost. Mr. Antoskiewicz asked Mr. Jordan about the transportation study. Mr. Jordan said that in the end, the study will give ten recommendations of what they believe to be high priority areas gathered from their own expertise, the public input and existing conditions. One of these areas is the stretch that we are talking about. There will be some policy questions that Council will need to address in order to decide on how to proceed with the recommendations based on Council's own priorities. As to funding, a portion of the study will address State Routes and the ability to get funding for these sidewalks through federal funding sources when improvements to the road are made. Municipally owned dedicated streets will probably not be eligible for federal funding. Mr. Jordan reviewed briefly the various assessment/general fund options there are for funding these type of sidewalks. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that he has done a little research and there may be grants that are available when connecting to a park, schools, etc. Mr. Kasaris asked if there is any money available in the Safe Routes to Schools Program. Mr. Jordan said that the city and the school district had joint meetings on this program. He said that we were going to do this in conjunction with the schools once they decided what their building program would be. Mr. Jordan said that the school district and the city have to be partners on this and the schools need to know how their driveways and sidewalks internally are going to work in order for us to go forward. He said that schools are very willing to jointly apply, they are just stuck right now on the issue of what schools they were going to renovate. Discussion on installing sidewalks in a loop on State Road, Akins Road, Ridge Road and Rt. 82 included ideas such as taking the sidewalks south of City Hall all the way to the Metroparks All Purpose trail that is slated for 2016. Mr. Nickell again stated that he does not think that any funding will be available so he hopes that we can come together and at least put in sidewalks in front of City Hall. Mr. Antoskiewicz stated again that before we make plans to install sidewalks, bike paths, etc. he strongly feels that we should first discuss this with the homeowners involved especially if there is no funding assistance available and is a cost that will come out of the homeowners' pocket. He felt that it was very important that they have the opportunity to come to a meeting to listen, to be heard and be informed of what is being done. Mr. Nickell asked what steps need to be taken to notify the residents from City Hall to Rt. 82 of what we are planning. Mr. Antoskiewicz said that we don't yet know what we are doing until we see the entire plan. Mr. Kasaris said that we need to first figure out what we are going to do and then we notify the residents involved. Mr. Nickell agreed that the cost is of concern and that is why he is proposing something small to start. He suggested that if we connect to the park, that possibly there could be a 50/50 match from our Recreation Fund since this would be a very specific recreation project. Mr. Antoskiewicz said once you start funding part of a project using city funds, you are opening up a can of worms. Mr. Marnecheck said that he then could come up with a reason that these same funds should be used in his ward. Mr. Muller said that he would like to first see the study. He said that for him the number one priority is that we focus the tax dollars set aside to actually work on the storm water improvements that the community still needs. He said that while there were some residents who attended the sidewalk meetings that were in favor of some alternative transportation methods, the number of residents who turn out for storm water issues is so much greater. He felt that residents would much rather have us spend their tax dollars on the storm water projects. He said that we can look at this in September when the study is released. He said that the

residents would probably like to see the study first as well before we all of a sudden start putting in sidewalks. Mr. Nickell said that it is not all of a sudden. In 1976 the City Council passed a resolution saying that we should start putting in sidewalks. He said that the city has been waiving the installation of sidewalks when we should have instead been adding them. Mr. Langshaw said that he agrees that we need to do this right and be fair. He agreed with waiting until we see the final report. Mr. Kasaris said that no one wants to be unfair. We want to place sidewalks where they should be placed. The sidewalks we are talking about now are in Ward 6. He said in 2008 he got a cost estimate of installing the sidewalks on one side of State Road up to Rt. 82 and the cost was roughly \$20.00 per month for 20 years for a typical sized lot of around 150 feet wide. We have been discussing this now for over 7 years and we now have a study coming out and he would like to first see what the study says.

4. **Service Department Report**

Mr. Cinquepalmi reviewed the report, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. He said that they dedicate about 25% of the work force every day to the crack sealing program. He said they plan to get Wallings Road and Albion Road done within the next few weeks. With all of the bad weather we have been having, Mr. Petrusky asked if any of the water has done any damage to our roadways. Mr. Cinquepalmi said no. The last time we had road damage caused by weather was the May 12, 2014 storm. He said all work we are doing on the roads is due to a normal, hard winter.

5. **Outstanding punch list items**

Mr. Schmitzer said that the punch list items are for the 2014 asphalt and concrete road program. The major items that we noted were after the winter. We noticed that there was alligator cracking at the edge of the asphalt. We have asked the contractor to come up with a solution for this. He said there is one area on the east end of Julia where there is actually a base pavement failure. The contractor will remove the road down to the base, repair it and bring in new asphalt. He said some of the cement stabilization on these roads leached up and got onto some of the concrete troughs and tracked on to residents' driveways. He said that it is on the list to have these areas power washed. He said that concrete program turned out very well. There was just one area on Dogwood Trail where there were some pop up emitters coming from a property, out-letting at the curb and there is a constant flow of water seeping out in the pavement. The contractor has to correct the drainage issue because they are responsible for providing positive drainage to the whole area. He said he is hopeful of meeting with the contractors and getting these issues addressed within the next month.

6. **Bennett Road**

Mr. Schmitzer said that the preconstruction meeting is scheduled for tomorrow with the county and the contractor. He will have a better idea of when they plan to start after this meeting. The contract gives them until October 30, 2015 to complete the project. Mr. Kasaris asked about the concrete squares that appear to have sunken over winter. Mr. Schmitzer said that we will have to handle this as a maintenance item. He said that he is not sure of where it is in the schedule. He said that they are aware of the problem. Mr. Kasaris asked what cause this to happen. Mr. Schmitzer said there are a number of factors. The contractor will argue one thing, we will argue another. Mr. Kasaris asked if this can be prevented in the future. Mr. Schmitzer said we hope so. He said the road was poured separate from these, and the road held up pretty well. He said that we will be mindful of this in the future and have one entity doing the work and make sure they take as much care on the box outs as they do on the road. Mr. Muller asked if Mr. Schmitzer would email Council once he knows the start date. Mr. Schmitzer said he will include this in the weekly email.

7. **2015 Infrastructure Program**

Mr. Schmitzer said it is being advertised right now and the bid opening will be July 15, 2015. He said that legislation will be on Council's agenda for the last meeting in July. Mr. Kasaris asked if Akins Road hill and Abbey Road will be done before school starts. Mr. Schmitzer said that he has no knowledge of which will be done first. He said that his initial answer would be no. Mr. Marnecheck asked how many bid

packets have been picked up. Mr. Schmitzer said that 6 have been picked up so far, one being a plan room that advertises to other contractors, and a contractor out of Pennsylvania has picked up a bid book as well.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

MISCELLANEOUS

Don R. Keehn, Goodman Drive, addressed Council. He said that waiting until now to bid out road projects means that it will be more difficult to get the project done this year. Mayor Stefanik said we do it like this every year because we want to know how much money we have to spend on roads as the tax receipts come in. May is the largest collection month. Once those numbers are known, Council then approves doing more roads or less roads depending on the numbers. He said that these projects will be done well before the snow falls. Mr. Marnecheck said that we did James, Julia, Jay, and part of Harley Hills last year in this same time period. Mr. Keehn said that the project in the parkway seems to be moving very slowly and asked what was taking so long. Mayor Stefanik said that he has an email stating that they will be done by mid-August.

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Mr. Marnecheck, seconded by Mr. Antoskiewicz **to adjourn the July 7, 2015 meeting.** Yeas: 3.
Nays: 0. **Motion carried.**

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Street Department Monthly Report – June 2015

6-1-15-MON.

Ditching-Cady rd. both sides of the road, flooding issues from the weekend storm.

Flood Patrol-clean up from the weekend storm.

Rec. Dept.-sent 3 guys down to help out.

Street Sweeper-Prince Charles and Tilby rd.

Patching-Ridge rd., Bennett rd., Royalwood rd. and Abbey rd.

6/2/15-TUES.

Asphalt-replaced two asphalt strips in front of new driveway. [Morning sent same crew on joint repair].

Joint Repair-afternoon, Cedar Wood dr.

Patching-Wallings rd. RT 82 and Edgerton rd.

Rec. Dept.-sent 2 guys down to help out.

Vac Truck-jetting pipes for storm water.

Signs-making up new high intensity signs.

6/3/15-WEDS.

Joint Repair-Cedar Wood dr.

Patching-start in Villa Grande.

Vac Truck-jetting for storm water.

Rec. Dept.-sent 2 guys down to help out.

6/4/15-THUR.

Ditching-Albion rd and Wallings rd. [the hills], 12075 W130th.

Mowing-retention basins & weed whacking.

Patching-Villa Grande.

Rec. Dept. sent 2 guys down to help out.

6/5/15-FRI.

Joint Repair-Cedar Wood.

Patching-Villa Grande.

Storm Water-sent 4 guys up to Memorial Park to help out.

6/8/15-MON.

Joint Repair-Cedar Wood.

Patching-Villa Grande.

Rec. Dept.-sent 2 guys down to help out.

6/9/15-TUES.

Joint Repair-Apple Wood.

Patching-finish Villa Grande [half the day the other half spent cleaning up Potomac head wall].

Rec. Dept.-sent 2 guys down to help out.

Signs-fixed traffic lights [per N.R.P.D.].

6/10/15-WEDS.

Crack Seal-W130th

Joint Repair-Apple Wood.

Rec. Dept.-sent 2 guys down to help out.

Signs-replace old signs with new signs [high intensity].

6/11/15-THUR.

Joint Repair-Apple Wood.

Landscape-around front and side of service department building [also front island was done].

Catch Basin-11215 Drake rd. new brick and mortar [2 courses of brick].

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

6/12/15-FRI.

Joint Repair-Greenwood rd. and Oakwood in.

Crack Seal-W130th.

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

Signs-make up new signs.

6/13/15/-SAT.

Called 4 guys in for overtime [heavy rains].

6/15/15-Mon.

Culvert Pipe-8174 Tilby rd. rip out bad pipe, install new pipe and set forms for concrete pour tomorrow.

Joint Repair-finish Oakwood in.

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

6/16/15-TUES.

Concrete-8174 Tilby rd. finish forming and pour new concrete apron.

Patching- Abbey rd. and Ridge rd. [north of 82].

Storm Water-sent 2 guys over to help out.

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

6/17/15-WEDS.

Asphalt & landscape-8174 Tilby rd. install asphalt strip and landscape around new apron.

Patching-Lytle rd. and RT 82.

Rec. Dept.-sent 3 guys down to help out.

Signs-replaced traffic lights [per N.R.P.D.].

6/18/15-THUR.

Patching-all of Royalwood rd. both sides from Ridge to the line, also Albion rd.

Ditching-Albion rd., Akins rd.

Rec. Dept.-sent 3 guys down to help out.

Signs-replace old signs with new signs [high intensity].

6/19/15-FRI.

Joint Repair-St.Thomas woods.

Ditching-Akins rd. half the day, the other half we finished crack sealing W130th.

Mowing-pick up litter, mow and weed whack along RT.82 and York rd.

Rec. Dept.-sent 3 guys down to help out.

6/22/15-MON.

Crack Seal-starting York rd. [from Sprague rd. heading south].

Joint Repair- St. Thomas woods.

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

Signs-replace flags throughout the city [flags torn or the poles were broke].

6/23/15-TUES.

Saw Cut-Sir Robert, also Rt. 82 & York intersection. [Going to rip out and replace tomorrow].

Joint Repair-finish St. Thomas Woods.

Mowing- retention basins.

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

Signs- replace old signs with new high intensity signs.

6/24/15-WEDS.

Crack Seal-York rd. [southbound lane].

Asphalt-RT.82 & York rd.replace large area of bad road in the intersection.

Mowing-retention basins.

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

6/25/15-THUR.

Crack Seal-York rd. start at Delsy dr. southbound In.

Culvert Pipe-8217 Tilby replace bad culvert pipe. Set up for asphalt apron [tomorrow].

Mowing-retention basins.

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

6/26/15-FRI.

Crack Seal-York rd.

Asphalt-8217 Tilby install asphalt apron.

Mowing-retention basins.

Signs-fix and replace flags [for 4th of July weekend].

6/29/15-MON.

Crack Seal-York Rd.

Concrete-Rip out curb at 4410 Sir Robert.

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

6/30/15-TUES.

Crack Seal-York Rd.

Concrete-Pour curb at 4410 Sir Robert.

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

7/1/15-WEDS.

Asphalt-Apron at Valley Vista School.

Crack Seal-York Rd.

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

7/2/15-THURS.

Crack Seal-York Rd.

Asphalt-9791 Abbey Rd. asphalt strip.

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

7/3/15-FRI.

Holiday