

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMITTEE MINUTES

FEBRUARY 18, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Groat at 5:00 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Deborah Groat, Tracy Richardson, Dan Fogt

OTHERS PRESENT: Mike Andrako, Jeremy Hoyt

CITIZENS PRESENT: Meg Michel, Andrea White

AGENDA:

1) Reorganization

Mrs. Groat nominated Mr. Fogt as Chairman. Voice vote was unanimous for Mr. Fogt to serve as Chairman.

2) 2014 Pavement Maintenance Program

Mr. Hoyt reviewed the paving program for 2014.

The water department is in the process of replacing all the waterlines in the Barr addition. Since they are tearing up the roads, they will be paving Pinehurst, Sherwood/Grove Street, VanKirk Drive and Pinehurst Court. Those are part of the Water Department Project.

General Paving Street. These projects are some city facilities promised through Parks & Rec or other commitments.

Decker Fire Station Parking Addition, \$34,400 – Additional parking needed for conferences and various events.

Jim Simmons Trail (Northern Portion) \$37,400. It's currently gravel.

Lewis Park (Southern Parking Lot) \$16,456. Currently gravel so does not meet city code.

Clovernoll Court \$29,326. A cul-de-sac

Todd Court \$49,302

Eljer Tennis Courts \$10,000 – Resurfaced, not paved.

Mill Creek Parking Lot - \$16,457. Some asphalt and an onyx product that is essentially an overlay with striping. This new layout will add some additional parking spaces.

That leaves \$181,659 for additional street paving. Selection of street paving is done by ODOT's criteria.

Once the streets were rated, city staff drove the streets to make sure these roads really needed to be paved. Out of a scale of 100, streets rated 56 or below are the streets felt to need paved.

1. North Plum Street (4th to 6th Streets) \$60,543.
2. Waldo Road (Mill Creek to Corp. Limits)\$94,089. Mr. Fogt asked if they were going to grind that down. He does not want it any higher than it is now because of the bridge. There is minimum clearance. Mr. Hoyt said it will be milled down.
3. N. Cherry Street (RR Tracks to Lakeview Drive) \$58,558.
4. Village Drive (Nutmeg to Pepper) \$85,543. Mrs. Richardson said there have been numerous requests between Valley and Village for speed bumps. Ms. Michel suggested ripple bumps like on Martin Road in Dublin. Mrs. Richardson said Valley and Village seem to be the main thoroughfares to the park in Mill Valley South. Ms. Michel suggested displaying a speed sign.
5. Damascus Road (Gables to 5th Street) \$78,277
6. Cemetery Surface Course \$25,000. This will pave a half a path for expansion project. Goal is to have this expansion ready for sale in 2015.

Staff is working on finding additional money for the paving program.

Mr. Fogt had a request from a funeral director to complete the exit out onto Raymond Road from the northern portion of the cemetery. It will take a culvert and a little bit of gravel and/or pavement. He was told that was in the plan at one point in the past. The new area will funnel traffic back in that same general area.

Mr. Fogt noted that parts of Industrial Parkway are getting pretty bad. Mr. Hoyt said they are going to try to find some funding in the way of grants, but that is going to be a major project. We would probably have to do it in phases since it's such a major project. Mr. Fogt asked if there would be street improvements in front of the businesses to make turn lanes, etc. Mr. Hoyt said turns lanes are not needed, but they do have to meet our thoroughfare plans. It will be a quasi-turn lane and it has to be 18' wide. The vision of our thoroughfare plan is to make Industrial Parkway a 3-lane road. We can't make them widen on the Pearl Drumm side; we can only make them widen on their own side. There is some state funding for a project, so both will be done in conjunction. Both projects will be city-run and city will have no money involved. It is the thought process with the state reimbursing the city; they won't reimburse a private developer. It will be in the budget as X amount of dollars with the intent we'll either be getting the money from the state or the developer. The city staff will manage the project to make sure it's done properly.

Mrs. Richardson noted the entrance to Quail Hollow, an access road to the high school, Meadow Drive. There tends to be a few pot holes. It keeps the kids from going too fast, but also is an obstruction. It could use some spot repair.

Mrs. Richardson asked about paving and a connection between Rt. 4 and Rt. 31. It actually created a road and not just paving. Has there been any further discussion. Mr. Hoyt said the cost for that project would be about \$2M. Infrastructure is already in place and the road must follow the infrastructure. Mr. Andrako said that would have to be development driven.

3) Snow/Ice Removal

Mr. Andrako said the city has used 2500 tons of salt and spent over 3,000 man hours clearing snow and ice from roadways. Estimating 1100 tons of salt on hand. Since then have received 350 tons of salt and expect to receive another 350 tons soon. At that point, we will be at our maximum amount of salt we can order for the year. Will try to order more once everyone has gotten their salt to rebuild our supply. Mr. Andrako is comfortable that we have enough salt to last the rest of this winter season.

Ms. Meg Michel addressed the committee. Ms. Michel said when the snow is plowed, it is piled onto the sidewalks. She noted especially around the schools on the main arteries where kids have to walk to bus stops. The kids are walking in the street. She noted Grove Street where Edgewood Drive comes into Grove. She shoveled some snow, but there was a mountain of snow created by the snow plow and she could not shovel it.

Mr. Andrako understands the problem. The snow plow clears the road from curb to curb, which pushes the snow onto the side of the road. Most residential streets have a tree-lawn, which is usually enough to handle the snow. The trouble with Grove and Edgewood is that they have a very narrow treelawn. We might have to work out a plan where people walk on the east side instead of the west side. Ms. Michel noted there was a 4' pile of snow on the east side. Ms. Michel suggested plowing on the wrong side of the road and pushing it down into a deadend area instead of pushing it onto the sidewalks on Grove Street, just to clear Edgewood Drive. She suggested pushing snow into the park, where the football field is. She said she can deal with 6" of snow, but not the big icy piles of snow.

Mrs. Richardson understands what Ms. Michel is saying. She notices the problem around the schools in Mill Valley. She thanked Ms. Michel for being a good neighbor. One never knows if an individual is not able to shovel snow.

Mr. Hoyt said this problem is on Administration's radar. He is working with the Code Enforcement Officer to see what we can do in preparation for next year. We are researching other communities.

Ms. Michel said in showing houses throughout the Columbus area after all the snow fall, Marysville looks better than any place. "It is amazing."

Ms. White asked if there is any volunteer organization in place that would be willing to shovel snow for the individuals who are not able to clear their walks. Mrs. Richardson said one possibility would be to talk to a local scoutmaster to see if the kids would be willing to help out. Ms. White said if someone has heavy equipment, could they come and help out.

Mr. Fogt said that would be a liability for just anyone to just come in and clear streets.

Mrs. Groat said by ordinance, it is the homeowner's responsibility to clear their sidewalks.

Mr. Fogt said Administration will be working on this issue before next year.

4) New Refuse Collection System

Mr. Andrako reported that a pending issue is swapping out toters. 400/500 homes have requested small toters, so out of 7,000 accounts, about 10% requested smaller sizes. The remaining smaller toters are supposed to be in tomorrow. We have 140 of those to swap out, then that will be done. If anyone has an additional toter that they don't need, call the main City Hall number and let them know and they will be added to the list.

As far as the trash collection service, we're working through some issues. They have two automated trucks and still have one front-loader truck. If someone mentions that a front-loader truck came through their neighborhood, there is a plan to replace it. There will be three new automated trucks due in at the end of March.

5) Project Update

- Sanitary projects -- No updates.
- Water projects – No updates. Mrs. Richardson asked about water main breaks. Mr. Andrako said some of the NIXLE's that have been sent out appear to be water main breaks, when in fact one of them was actually a homeowner's service line, which is their responsibility to fix. A chunk of a water line popped off on Collins and Maple, so there was quite a bit of damage to the roadway, such as a sinkhole. Mr. Andrako said we are not having an abnormal amount of water line issues with this winter weather.

Ms. Michel said the city came in and changed the water meter in the driveway of the ReMax office. When they did that, they brought it close to the surface, so three different times this winter it froze. It was changed out two years ago. She reported it to the city and they are coming to look at it.

Mr. Fogt asked if the water line work is done in the Barrhaven addition. Mr. Hoyt feels most of the work is done except for possible clean-up.

- Paving Projects. - Mr. Hoyt referred to the 2014 paving program as explained above.

Mr. Fogt asked what fund is the project at E. Fifth Street and Coleman's Crossing coming out of. Mr. Andrako said we'll use money that was deposited by Meijer for traffic issues. The project may be done with the paving project, but paving funds will not be used.

- Roadway Projects – Industrial Parkway road widening.

Pedestrian bridge will be advertised for bid on March 6th with bid opening date March 27th. Will know about cost at that time.

- Traffic Study – Only study going on is the uptown signals. Still waiting for that study.

Mrs. Richardson said ideas were noted at the Team Marysville meeting about excessive speed through town. Mr. Andrako said the consultant is looking at different progressions. You don't use traffic signals to slow down cars because it makes it more likely that people will run a red light. It has the opposite affect. We don't want to hinder the ability to move traffic through town.

Mr. Andrako said they are looking at installing left turn lanes at each of the intersections, but the problem with that is it takes away from the on-street parking. The consultant has been asked to model it with and without turn lanes.

Mr. Fogt noted that "No Turn on Red" at 5th Street causes a back-up of cars.

Mr. Fogt noted that the one-way street on 6th Street is forcing more traffic onto 5th Street. Mr. Hoyt said the barricades are supposed to be taken down this week.

Ms. Michel suggested moving the city vehicles over to the County Sheriff parking lot to afford more room in the parking lot at 6th and Plum.

Vine Street - The signal is down. A flashing beacon will be installed to help get the kids across the street.

- Storm Water – Town Run Restoration is complete except for finishing touches when the weather breaks. Guardrail on 4th and 5th Street to be installed.

Maple Street Bridge abutments will be painted white so they will look new. Kiosk will be installed as well to show where the funds came from, how the

design made the stream cleaner and list environmental information. Working with Soil and Water, as part of the funding and grant agreement, they agreed to donate 80 hours to the project. They will make sure the sign looks nice, as well as the literature associated with it. There is a little asphalt to be done in the spring when the plants open. Ribbon cutting ceremony will be held in May.

- New Buildings -- City Hall has some minor issues. Contractor will be fixing.
- Building demo to be completed next week.
- Sixth St. will open to two-way traffic this week.
- Partners Park is planned to be open late summer.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.