

Village of Moreland Hills
Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes

March 2, 2021

Virtual Meeting

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 9:16

Establish Quorum: The following members of the facilities committee were present: Councilman David Emerman; Mayor Dan Fritz; Service Director Ted DeWater; Village Engineer Jeff Filarski; Councilwoman Monica Sturgis

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Councilwoman M Sturgis, seconded by Mr. DeWater, to approve the Feb meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Building maintenance:

Utilities

1) Plant and Pump Station updates

Mr. DeWater reported that one pump at the Easton pump station has been removed because it was pulling high amperage. It was sent to Buckeye Pumps for an inspection.

2) NOACA FPA Modification for 35 South Lane to provide sewer connection

Mr. Filarski reported that the owners of 35 South Lane, which is currently a vacant want to tie into the sewer system through Chagrin Blvd with a force main. Mr. Filarski explored a few options with the landowner, and also discussed the options with the Cuyahoga Board of Health. Particularly whether the installation of a private line would require other residents to have to tie into the sewer system. The Board of Health advised that other residents would not have to tie in because the new force main would be a private line. Mr. Filarski also stated that the property owner and future owners of that property would be responsible for maintaining the line and that future maintenance or repairs would likely be in the range of \$5K. Mr. Filarski is looking into what would happen if other residents would like to tie into this private line.

Mr. Filarski stated that the Village's FPA would need to be modified to allow 35 South Lane to tie into the system because the property is currently outside of the service area in the plan. Mr. Emerman made a motion to allow Mr. Filarski to request that NOACA allow the village to modify its FPA to allow 35 South Lane to tie into the Village sewer system, seconded by Mr. DeWater. The motion passed unanimously.

3) Budget Items- 335K

Mr. Filarski reported that the utilities infrastructure budget for FY21 includes sewer rehabilitation, the Greentree equalization tank, and \$20K set aside for potential pump replacement. The budget items total \$335K and are included in the FY21 proposed budget.

Mr. Emerman asked about whether building maintenance items are included in the FY21 proposed budget. Mr. Shah stated that those are included in a separate part of the budget. Mr. DeWater stated that the items proposed for the FY21 for building maintenance are the same exact items that were proposed, approved, and then delayed in 2020 due to COVID-19, with the exception of Village signs and some composting equipment.

4) Miscellaneous

Mr. Filarski reported that 15 Stonewood has experienced a number of sewer backups. The property is just downstream from where the Village's six-inch force main comes into the system. Mr. Filarski stated that it is highly unlikely that the Village's sewer is causing the backups, but Mr. Filarski requested a quote to install a backflow preventer in the lateral to make sure that the Village's sewer does not cause a backup into this property. The Village is waiting on a response to the request quote.

Parks and Greenspace

1) Forest Ridge updates

Mr. DeWater reported that there are about 10 trees that have been cut down and need to be hauled away from Forest Ridge. Also, the service department will be replacing a few boards on one of the trail bridges.

There was a discussion about the pavilion project and that the Village Engineer is preparing a design and drawing of the pavilion. Mr. Emerman requested that the future request for bids for the pavilion include an option for a fireplace, so that Council could have the option to include that item depending on the bids look when received. Mr. Shah stated that the cost of the fireplace was not included in FY21 proposed budget and that if council passed the budget and later wanted to add the fireplace it would have to be passed as a separate appropriation. Mr. Filarski stated that he could add the fireplace as an alternate bid item so the Village could see the costs before deciding on the fireplace. Mayor Fritz recommended that Mr. Shah include the cost of the fireplace in the FY21 budget. Mr. Shah said he could add that to the FY21 budget. Mayor Fritz also stated that he wants the Parks Commission to weigh in on the looks and design of the pavilion, which will occur at the next Parks Commission meeting.

Miscellaneous Business and updates

1) Corporation Sign Replacement-

Mr. DeWater reported that the Village corps signs were provided to the Orange and Chagrin Falls commercial art classes for them to propose new designs. One of the requirements provided to the art classes was that the signs must reference that Moreland Hills is the birthplace of President Garfield. The service department budgeted \$16K for the sign replacement, which is included in the proposed FY21 budget.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 9:57 am.

Next meeting: April 6, 2021 @ 8:30am