

Village of Moreland Hills

Roads and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

January 31, 2023

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am

Establish Quorum: The following members of the Roads and Safety committee were present: Councilman David Emerman; Service Director Ted DeWater; Council President Ethan Spencer; Village Engineer Jeff Filarski; Mayor Fritz; Police Chief Wyant.

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

A motion was made by Mayor Fritz seconded by Mr. DeWater, to approve the previous meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Resident Concerns: Mr. DeWater reported that a resident requested “wrong way” signs for Park Lane and Glen Rd. It was discussed that those signs already exist and that additional signs would not be practical for each driveway. Alternatives discussed were for residents to place signs within their own driveways altering their contractors or delivery drivers of the one-way road. Additionally, residents to remind their guests about the one-way road.

Police Updates:

1.) Flock Cameras @ Hiram Trail

Chief Wyant reported that the department will be participating in a tabletop emergency training exercise later in the month. He also reported that the planned flock camera on Hiram Road will now have to be on the other side of the road, placing it within the boundaries of Orange Village. Orange has agreed to the placement of the camera. The camera will only be recording eastbound; however, Orange has cameras nearby that will record both directions.

Mr. Spencer inquired about the status of the body cameras. Chief Wyant reported that the cameras are still on backorder, and we have not been given a date when they will arrive.

Village Engineer Updates

1) 2022 Drainage Program

Mr. Filarski reported that the 2022 Drainage program is complete and that there will be a change order for an additional \$6k at the council meeting to close out the contract.

2) OPWC Preliminary Repairs - Jackson Rd. and Chagrin River Road

Mr. Filarski reported that Chagrin River Road received additional points for the OPWC grant scoring making it a better contender to compete statewide for funding. A decision was made to give Chagrin road all the “priority points” rather than splitting points to boost the Jackson road proposal because the Jackson road project was not scoring high

enough to make it a contender. By assigning on the extra points to Chagrin there is a better chance that one of the Villages projects is approved.

3) 2023 Asphalt Program

Mr. Filarski reviewed his assessment of the road conditions and recommendations. Roads proposed to be resurfaced are: Jackson, Chagrin River (if OPWC money comes through), River Mt., Mt. View, river stone, Berkley. Mr. Filarski reported the estimated total proposed for resurfacing is \$2 million for resurfacing, plus around \$100K in add road work such as patching and spot sealing.

Mr. Emerman asked about the timing of when the Village goes out to bid and whether going out to bid earlier would get better pricing. Mr. Filarski stated that the timing for bidding lines up with the Village approving the budget and is timed with getting good bid responses.

Service Department Updates

1) Equipment/Truck Repairs: Mack Currotto Replacement

Mr. DeWater stated that the rubbish truck is up for replacement and he is doing as an assessment to determine whether it is better to replace the truck or contract with a private rubbish hauler. Currently, expenses are roughly \$18.20 per month per resident. The county average for private haulers is \$17.60 per month per resident. There was then a general discussion about the non-monetary value of keeping the rubbish pick up inhouse such as the senior pickup and the drivers being more connected to the village.

2) Drainage

Mr. DeWater reported that the service department has been out cleaning drains with it being such a wet winter. Mr. Filarski reported that they are currently working on the 2023 drainage program.

Miscellaneous Business and updates

1) Green Initiative

Mayor Fritz gave a heads up that Mike Wise will be presenting the committee of the whole meeting and a little bit of a heads up about Mike Wise's report.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 am.

Next meeting: Feb 28