

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS  
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
October 5, 2021 @ 8:15 a.m. – Community Building**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Councilman Ethan Spencer (Chair)**  
**Service Director - Ted DeWater**  
**Village Engineer - Jeff Filarski**  
**Mayor Dan Fritz**  
**Council President Steve Richman**  
**Police Chief Kevin Wyant**

**Establish Quorum** - Meeting called to order by Councilman Ethan Spencer, Committee Chair at 8:15 a.m.

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on August 31, 2021 were unanimously approved by Committee.

**Comments from Residents** – No residents were present; however, Mayor Fritz and Councilman Spencer relayed some negative comments regarding the quality of the paving on Meadowhill that were posted on social media:

- Dust on road following the installation of the berms
- Unevenness of the berm
- Drop off from berm to grass

Meadowood and Mill Creek were also mentioned as being in poor condition. Mr. Filarsky explained that the technique for the berm on Meadowhill and Cableknoll has been used successfully in Moreland Hills for many years. The berms are made of crushed limestone. It is approved by the Ohio Any dust on road will wash away over time with the rain. Mr. Spencer noted that he had driven all the mentioned roads, and that the dust was already dissipating. Mr. Filarsky also stated that the job on Meadowhill is not yet complete. The sides of the road will be backfilled with topsoil and reseeded. Once this occurs, the road will look more “finished.” Mayor Fritz indicated that Mill Creek would be considered for resurfacing in next years road program. The Village will put out an update on the roads program on its web site and Facebook page to communicate what’s been done so far and what’s not yet finished so that residents are better informed.

Mr. Richmond received a question from a resident about how the road will be striped in front of Moreland Commons. Mr. Filarsky answered that a left turn lane will be put in for east bound traffic turning into the development. There will also be a bike lane.

**Police Dept. Updates from Chief Wyant**

- 1) Blue to Gold Training ends this month.

- 2) New officer Charles Lee has been working. He was sworn in by the Police Department, and we will have the ceremonial swearing in at the next Council Meeting.
- 3) Flock Camera update – The locations for the five cameras have been identified. Coordination with Solon and Bentleyville will be required. Two will be on Miles, two on Chagrin and one on SOM. At a future point the Police Department will approach Homeowner Associations to see if they would like to install additional cameras in their areas.

### **Village Engineer Updates from Mr. Filarski**

- 1) The Village Complex Stream Erosion Control project – awaiting response from Army Core of Engineers.
- 2) Miles Road culvert repair – A 54-inch culvert that goes into Bentleyville needs to be repaired. Mr. Filarski shared pictures. He will be proposing a solution and will need to coordinate with Bentleyville. One third of the cost will be borne by Moreland Hills and two thirds by Bentleyville. The culvert was installed in 1977.
- 3) Miles Road retaining wall repair and painting – Patches are being poured this week. After a period for curing passes, the wall will then be painted. Repairs are more extensive than estimated and will cost an additional \$20K; however, Giles and Miles Road wall repairs together were budgeted at \$70K, and we still believe that they will be within that cost.

### **Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater**

- 1) Drainage – The service crew is still cleaning culverts on River Rd. There are still culvert pipes that need asphalt patching around the village.
- 2) Signage at 105 Cableknoll – is now being installed.
- 3) Hazardous Tree Program – work is still going on and should be finished up soon. Some feedback was received that residents did not get enough advance warning. For the future, the Village will send letters to residents far in advance.

### **Miscellaneous Business**

The Committee had a general discussion about communicating better with residents in advance of any work being done near their homes. Methods are letters, Facebook page, Village website, the newsletter, and even knocking on doors. Residents appreciate it when they are aware of what's happening. In addition, the Service Department is considering taking pre-work photographs to better document the conditions before work is done.

**Adjournment: 9:05 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: November 2, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.**