

Village of Moreland Hills

Roads and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

Feb 28, 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; Councilman 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:

Police Updates:

1.) Flock Cameras @ Hiram Trail

Chief Wyant reported that the flock camera on Hiram Road is now up and running. The police department has a new hire coming from Bedford police department. Also, the new detective vehicle that was purchased last year just arrived, but it still needs to be outfitted with equipment such as the radio.

Lt. Ditzel reported that Orange Schools are looking for a Moreland Hills police officer to serve as a school resource officer. The Orange School will pay for the position and then the officer would be backfilled. There would be an MOU with the school system to outline the payment process for the position. There was then a general discussion about the boundaries of the work and scope of the job.

Village Engineer Updates

1) 2023 Drainage Program

Mr. Filarski reported that he will have an outline of the drainage program for the next meeting, but is expecting a few culvert replacements for Chagrin road.

2) 2023 Asphalt Program

Mr. Filarski reported he will recommend breaking up the Chagrin and Jackson roads projects from the rest of the Asphalt program because those two roads are larger projects so separating those out should get better bids. He also stated that he would be looking for

a motion authorizing him to solicit bids for the Asphalt program at the next council meeting.

Service Department Updates

1) Equipment/Truck Repairs: MH13/MH8

Mr. DeWater discussed a plan to reduce our truck fleet by replacing a light duty truck and heavy duty truck (F550) with a size in between the two and that that proposal is included in the upcoming budget.

2) Drainage

Mr. DeWater stated that with all the rain lately crews have been out clearing the culverts, such as those of River rd.

3) Hazardous Trees

Mr. DeWater reported the department has received calls about trees on ATT and Spectrum lines. The Village has looked at a few tree and removed what they could because ATT and Spectrum would not remove them. There are a few more trees that are not safe for the department to take down on its own. So, if we are going to do any contracting for hazardous tree removal we would look throughout the village for other hazardous trees that need to be removed and potentially go out to bid for removal.

Miscellaneous Business and updates

The Mayor than brought up an issue with Green Tree water systems fire hydrants. The hydrants are not being adequately maintained for use by the fire department. The mayor asked the consortium responsible for the private water system. There was disagreement between with the consortium and residents about who was responsible for maintenance of hydrants. The consortium refuses to provide any maintenance records to the hydrants and they don't believe they need to maintain the hydrants. The plan is for the village to message the residents of Green Tree expressing the need for them to maintain the hydrants or they may need to tie in to a public water system for safety.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 am.

Next meeting: April 4