

Village of Moreland Hills
Roads and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

April 11, 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 Spencer; Police Chief Dietzel

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

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

Resident Concerns:

Police Updates:

1.) New Vehicle/Equipment

- a. 4933 – New vehicle purchase Ford F150

Chief Dietzel reported that Ford Explorers were not available for the new police vehicle and recommended going with an F150. He stated that F150 can be outfitted as police vehicles and that having a truck would be helpful for various tasks, such as hauling road signs. There was generally agreement.

- b. 4951 – 2022 replacement detective vehicle; due to up-fitted in next two weeks

Upfitting of this vehicle is set to begin shortly

2.) SRO MOU Update

Chief Dietzel reported on the status of the MOU with Orange Schools for the resource officers. The Village Attorney sent comments on the MOU to the school and we are waiting on their response. The changes are not expected to be sticking points. There was then general discussion about the duties of the resource officer, how reimbursement would work, hypotheticals about overtime, and the value the resource officer.

3.) Sergeants promotion on 3/22/23 SGT Joe Scolaro

The Chief reported that SGT Scolaro was recently promoted having scoring first on the test and after an interview with Clancy and Associates (panel of retired law enforcement). The Chief also noted that all officers indicated to Clancy how great it is to work for Moreland Hills Police Department.

Village Engineer Updates

1) 2023 Drainage program

Mr. Filarski reported on recommendations for the 2023 drainage program, which included replacing culverts along Chagrin River Road during road resurfacing work, adding new culverts in areas on SOM and Chagrin River Road where the village and observed flooding.

2) 2023 Asphalt program

Mr. Filarski reported the village received two bids this year. The low bid was 9.9% above the engineers estimate, meaning the contract is awardable. The Village Treasurer told Mr. Filarski that he has no concern with awarding the contract at that price. There was discussion about eliminating some line items from the contract, but that was rejected because it is maintenance would still need to be done next year and there is no indication that prices would be better next year. Mr. Filarski also stated that other communities are also getting higher bids back and still supports the two separate bid packages for the 2023 asphalt program.

Service Department Updates

1) Equipment/Truck Repairs

The new garbage truck is in but is still waiting the predelivery inspection. We are about 3 weeks out. The old garbage truck is starting to have more expense maintenance needs. The village to trying to not do too much expense maintenance on the old truck unless it is needed to wait for the new truck

a) Chipper replacement

Mr. DeWater reported on the plan to replace the chipper. It was discussed that the chipper would either be listed on GovDeals or done as a trade in, whichever was of greater value. Additionally, the new chipper may not be ready in time for chipping week and a few options were discussed: renting a chipper (potentially for free from the company) or delaying chipping week. However, delaying chipping week was determined to be a bad idea because it would likely result in a greater volume of branches that needed to be chipped;

b) Law mower replacement

The village moved forward with the purchase of the new mower from Marshall equipment. And it should be out that week.

2) Building dept. Vehicle Replacement

There was discussion on the lack of availability of electric vehicles or hybrids and the higher cost of electric vehicles. There was also discussion about the village's efforts to find hybrid vehicles and some of the other challenges such as maintenance. Some of the electric/hybrids otherwise needed meet the needs of the village, such as the lack of 4-wheel drive. Council Emerman and Mayor Spencer both stated that they would be willing to pay a little extra for electric vehicles but they need to meet the operational needs of the village. Council Emerman suggested the village determine which potential village vehicles could make for a good test case and then wait until that vehicle needs to be replaced.

Mr. DeWater also reported that the cost of recycling is going up from \$59 to \$65 per ton. Solid waste is at around \$40 per ton.

Miscellaneous Business and updates

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 am.

Next meeting: April 4