

## Village of Moreland Hills

### Roads and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

May 2, 2023

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**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:**

Mayor Spencer proposed a correction to the minutes changing “lawn” to “lawn mower” in service department updates 1b. A motion was made by Mayor Spencer seconded by Mr. DeWater, to approve the previous meeting minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Resident Concerns:**

##### **1) 4119 Giles Road – Drainage Improvement**

Mr. Filarski reported that the resident was experiencing substantial flooding of their lawn from Giles, which at that location has no drainage ditches or outlet. The plan proposed by Mr. Filarski was to install two catch basins and storm sewer across the residents property to outlet into a wetland type area, which joins up with a stream. The Village would need an easement from the residents, who are both on board. There was then a discussion about why this is the Village’s responsibility. Mr Filarski explained that this is the Village’s responsibility because the flow is coming from the road.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerman to support the project, seconded by Mayor Spencer. The Motion passed unanimously.

#### **Police Updates:**

##### **1.) New Furniture for Police Dept. Offices**

Chief Dietzel reported that he obtained quotes on replacement furniture for the Chief’s, Lt’s, Sergeant’s, and detective offices. The quotes came by at \$29K for the low bid, APG. They would also do the installation. This was included in the 2023 budget. There was then a general discussion about the need for the updates: old furniture is dated and the offices are cramped.

A motion was made by Mr. Emerman to support the purchase from APG for the furniture and chairs from Independence, seconded by Mayor Spencer. The Motion passed unanimously.

##### **2.) New Officer to replace Officer Buzecan**

The police was already doing a background check on a candidate for a future projected vacancy. Chief Dietzel suggested that we move that up to fill the vacancy left by Officer Buzecan reported that right now it is hard to find candidates for police officer positions. This candidate is coming from the Akron Police Department and is fairly fresh out of the academy.

### 3.) Ordering new speed/radar signs

Chief Dietzel reported that the speed boxes we have are outdated and not worth repairing. The Village previously borrowed Oranges speed boxes and liked them. These are needed because we get calls from residents regarding speeding on their streets and it helps address those concerns by collecting data. There is currently a deal for two until for \$6.5K. There was then a discussion about speeding in the village. The Chief reported that typically when they analyze speeding concerns, it turns normally to be caused by residents (also not typically teenagers). These were budgeted items.

Mr. Emerman made a motion to support the purchase of these items, seconded by Mayor Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

There was also a discussion about body cameras and the need for data storage. Chief Dietzel stated that the Village has a plan for data storage.

### **Village Engineer Updates**

#### 1) 2023 Asphalt program

Preconstruction meeting will be held next week. Going out to bid on Jackson and Chagrin River in June working on bids now.

#### 2) Painting Chagrin Retaining Wall

Mr. Filarski stated that he will request a motion to get quotes to paint the retaining wall on Chagrin at the next council meeting.

### **Service Department Updates**

#### 1) Equipment/Truck Repairs

New garbage truck has been in at Best for 5 weeks, but still in at American for predelivery inspection. They are waiting on some parts to address some recalls. Then it will go back to Best for the garbage install and inspection. The other truck is now in for repair, because insurance wanted it done. So currently we are using the auto-tipper, which is a semi manual process.

Kobata ATV and Lawn Mower are both on Gov Deals, with favorable current bids. The new chipper is scheduled for Mid-June. So the old chipper will go on Gov Deals to time it out so it comes down right before the new one arrives.

#### 2) Drainage

Service department is working to keep up with plugged drains from rains.

Mr. DeWater brought up an additional training opportunity for Ron, which is training that was not currently budgeted for in the service budget so it would require be a transfer from another fund as part of a transfer ordination. It is a three-year program costing about \$1,500 per year. Mr. DeWater brought up that this is important for Succession planning.

Mr. Emerman made a motion to support this transfer, seconded by Mayor Spencer. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Miscellaneous Business and updates**

#### **1) Green Initiative – status**

Mayor Spencer shared Mike Wise's scoping document for the solar panels with updated pricing estimates. On May 19<sup>th</sup> we hear what the locked in rate would be and would be able to update our model to make a decision on whether to move forward with the project. Mr. DeWater wanted to make sure that the company looked at the structure of the roof to ensure it could support these panels. Mayor Spencer stated he will follow up with Mike Wise on that.

#### **Adjournment:**

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 am.

**Next meeting: June 6, 2023**