

Village of Moreland Hills

Roads and Safety Committee Meeting Minutes

June 6, 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, Rick Vincent

Minutes of Previous Meeting:

Mr. Filarski proposed the correction to the last months meeting minutes: the minutes stated he was preparing advertisements for bids for the Jackson & Chagrin River road projects, but he had actually stated he was preparing the plans. Rick Vincent also stated he was in attendance by phone at the last meeting, but the minutes did not say he was present. A motion and a second was made to approve the minutes as amended. The motion passed unanimously.

Resident Concerns:

1) 20 Mill Creek reimbursement request

The resident at 20 Mill Creek widened his driveway and placed additional culvert piping and backfill. The resident is now seeking reimbursement for this work claiming that the work was done to address a steep slope on the side of the ditch. The resident had previously applied for and was granted a permit from the village to pipe the ditch on his property. The resident did not make any request for funds from the village at that time.

Mr. Filarski stated that is evaluated this request. He drove on the berm to determine that it was not soft, he also compared pictures before and after the Village previously resurfacing project on Mill Creek and determined that the ditch was no steeper than it was before. Additionally, the Mr. Filarski stated that this is not normally the type of costs the village would bear and that it has been the village policy that costs to pipe ditches are normally borne by the resident. Therefore, even if the resident had approached the village before doing the work the village would not have taken on the costs of piping that ditch. The committee agreed that village should not pay for this cost. It was decided that Mr. Filarski would draft a letter to the resident advising them of the decision.

Pebble Brook HOA

Mr. Richmond stated that residents at a recent Pebble Brook HOA meeting were complaining of speeding on their street and overgrowth of tree and vegetation potentially blocking line of sight. Mr. DeWater stated they like to start by asking the residents to address the issues first before having the village do that work. Chief Dietzel stated that he was asking just talking about the village inspecting intersections to determine if there are line of sight issues. Mr. Emerman asked

if there as a standard line of sight issues are measured against. Mr. DeWater reported that the standard is drawing a diagonal line 90 feet from the intersection (at truck height). Normally residents are giving notice and time to do their own pruning. Chief Dietzel stated he will mark some spots to put up the speed boxes when they are ready. Mayor Spencer also point to potential line of sight issues at Chagrin River and Miles.

Quail Hollow HOA

Mayor Spencer stated that resident also expressed concerns over speeding. The residents also expressed concern that not all the streets in that subdivision would be paved at the same time. Mayor Spencer stated he would pass that on to the Village Engineer but explained to them that the village assesses and prioritizes roads based on their condition.

Bentleyville Rd

A resident expressed concerns about the double stop sign at the portion of Bentleyville Rd that only allows one car at a time. Mr. Filarski stated that the village tried do it the other way where one way had a yield sign, but there were problems with drivers “planning chicken” and driving on other people’s lawns. Chief Dietzel stated they will have some officers up there to be visible and observe.

Police Updates:

1.) Detective Vehicle 4951

The new detective vehicle has finally been upfitted. The old vehicle still has a few days left on Gov Deals.

2.) New Officer

The New Officer been considered for employment passed his background check. The PD is doing something new and is having the officer do two ride-alongs for a few hours. If that goes well the Village will administer a lie detector test, do a physical and then have a conversation with the sergeants.

The Chief also reported that the body cameras are not live yet, but are close.

Village Engineer Updates

1) 2023 Drainage program

Mr. Filarski reported requested a motion to authorize advertising for bids at the council meeting.

2) 2023 Asphalt program

There was a preconstruction meeting. The project should start in the next two weeks. Mr. Filarski requested a motion at the council meeting to advertise for bids.

3) 2022 Asphalt program

Final change order is needed to closed out the 2022 Asphalt program. The base layer at Mill Creek and Murwood were in better shape than expected as was revealed during the project so less work was needed.

4) 2022 Drainage program

A final change order is required to close out this project even though a final change order was previously approved because there were some additional inspection costs after the last change order.

5) ODOT project

Mr. Filarski and Mr. DeWater reported that they attended a meeting about ODOTs 87 project. Mr. Filarski stated that work will begin mid-July, but it should not impact traffic significantly. The road will largely remain open with potential some one lane restrictions if needed, but that should not last long.

Mayor Spencer asked whether residents were normally notified if their road was going to be crack sealed or surface treated. Mr. Filarski stated the contractors normally used door hangers to notify residents about surface treatment but not crack sealing since it is quick. Mayor Spencer asked that we notify residents about the crack sealing. Mr. Filarski said he will draft a letter.

Service Department Updates

1) Equipment/Truck Repairs

Mr. DeWater stated that the new mechanic has been on top of all repairs and that he is doing very well. He also reported that we have spent a lot on repairs over the past year but that should start going down now that we are on top of the repairs.

2) Building department vehicle replacement

Mr. DeWater stated that we are looking at getting Paul a midsized GMC truck. He looked into hybrids but they are either not available or not economical. Mr. DeWater stated which dealerships he got quotes from. The low quote was from Junction Auto, which was \$11 less than the next highest quote.

3) Drainage

With as dry has it has been there has not been a lot work needed to clear drainage so the department has been focuses on other work.

Miscellaneous Business and updates

1) Green Initiative – status

Mayor Spencer stated that he will supply the council with updates on the solar project, but provided a quick update that Mike Wise was not happy with the rates they received. They are seeking rates from other and will get back to us.

2) Private Street Plowing

Mr. DeWater stated that the Village plows a handful of private streets in the village and charges \$2 per linear foot to those residents. It is those resident decision whether they use the Village for that work or if they want to get a private plow. He suggested that we move the cost to those residents from \$2 to \$2.5 per linear foot. The Village looks at these rates every 5 years. Mayor Spencer suggested that we try to determine what a private rate would be so we can make a comparison to what private rates would be. Mr. Emerman suggested that we tie the rate to something objective like the cost of fuel. Mr. Filarski suggested using the consumer price index as an objective measure. Mr. DeWater said he look for an objective measure to tie the price to and will come back to the committee with a recommendation.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned 9:15 am.

Next meeting: August 1, 2023