

VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
August 31, 2021 @ 8:00a.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 8:03 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on July 27, 2021 were unanimously approved by Committee.

Comments from Residents – No residents were present; however, Mayor Fritz and Councilman Spencer relayed some concerns from residents that have been expressed to them:

- 1) Meadowood and Cableknoll easement area - Pedestrians are walking through this area which is private property. A resident has requested a private property sign be placed. The Village has agreed to try it, and work with the resident.
- 2) Some Meadow Hill residents mentioned that they had potential concern regarding the flow of water down the street and into their properties/homes following the road resurfacing project. While they really like the new pavement, some had lips at the end of their driveways to divert water. Mr. Filarski indicated that the crowning of the road should more quickly dissipate water off the asphalt instead of it traveling further down the road and collecting where the road bends.

Police Dept. Updates from Chief Wyant

- 1) Retirement – One of our full-time officers, Jeff Cantor, retires today. There is a strong candidate with a contingent offer presently. Looking forward to having him join the force.
- 2) Flock Camera update – Cameras are only for investigative purposes. We are looking to install 4-5 cameras at the major entrance points to the village. We will coordinate with neighboring communities that also have the cameras. Funding will come from the Law Enforcement Trust Fund or the DOJ Fund, not general funds.
- 3) Body worn cameras – There will be a state grant to help municipalities purchase cameras, but the criteria are not fully defined yet. The plan is to move forward with these cameras next year regardless of funding source.
- 4) Officer patrols – Officers have been monitoring the Bentleyville Rd. area for traffic and trucks. They have also increased presence on Quail Hollow.
- 5) Blue to Gold Training – Courses end in October. Training has gone well.

Village Engineer Updates from Mr. Filarski

- 1) 2021 Road Program – The majority of the work is done. Berms along Cableknoll and Meadowhill will be completed soon, then the pavement surface treatment will be done. There is still a missing catch on SOM to complete as well.
- 2) The Village Complex Stream Erosion Control project – Environmental documents have been prepared and sent to the Core of Engineers. Timing will depend on the permitting. A motion to advertise for bids will be presented at the next meeting.
- 3) 2021 Drainage Program – We had 6 bids come back. The lowest was from Terrace Construction for \$46,322.97. Mr. Filarski recommends awarding the bid to them.
- 4) Pavement Marking Program – Bid invitations were informally sent to four contractors. Only one was returned from JD Striping in the amount of \$30,877.50. Mr. Filarski recommends going with this bid. He stated the costs are within market. The County will pay material costs for this project.

Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater

- 1) Drainage – The service crew is still doing ditching and a couple driveway culverts. They are also cleaning catch basins on River Rd. and SOM at W. Juniper.

Miscellaneous Business

Mr. DeWater noted that he is working on a list of future service-related capital projects for discussion at a future meeting.

The Village received the new corporation signs to be placed at all entry points starting this week. They look very nice, much more modern than the prior signs, which were installed in 2004.

Ten “No Engine Brake” signs have been purchased and placed on busier roads with hills, such as SOM and Jackson. Six more will be ordered and placed soon. They are the official black and white style, which means they are enforceable. The signs were in response to comments from residents about brake noise from trucks.

Adjournment: 8:36 a.m.

Next Meeting: October 5, 2021 @ 8:00 a.m.