

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
AUGUST 10, 2020

MINUTES

Due to the present COVID-19 pandemic, the Meeting was held virtually, via Zoom

ATTENDEES:

- Kathleen M Hale
- Terry Hemmelgarn
- Chief Gabe Barone
- Service Director, Lloyd Nagle
- Village Engineer, Jeff Filarski
- Mayor Leonard Spremulli
- Alex Goetch
- Kathleen Esposito
- Ken Kvacek

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM.

MINUTES of the previous Meeting, held June 8, 2020, were reviewed and approved. There was no Meeting in July.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Construction of the new salt bin at the Service Garage is complete, and ready for delivery of the 269 tons of road salt remaining from last year's purchase from Cargill. That salt has been stored off property during the construction, and will be delivered later this month. An additional 400 tons has been ordered from the new supplier selected by the State. This new supplier is charging \$50.20 per ton, compared to the \$73 per ton charged last year by Cargill, resulting in substantial savings to the Village

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: The new patrol car ordered at the end of 2019 was finally delivered, after substantial COVID related delays in manufacturing. That car is now in service. The patrol car which it replaced was purchased directly by the Police Department of Newton Falls, Ohio.

OLD BUSINESS: After review of bids collected by the Service Director, **it is recommended that the Finance Committee approve the purchase of a new diesel fuel tank to replace the breached and unusable tank presently on site.** The goal is to have the new tank installed and ready for service by the winter snow plowing season.

NEW BUSINESS:

VILLAGE LAWN MOWER REPLACEMENT:

The Village Service Department has been mowing grass using its only remaining operative mower, a consumer grade John Deere donated by resident and Council representative, Terry Hemmelgarn. Two commercial grade mowers are presently inoperable, and repair, if possible, appears to be prohibitively expensive and of questionable value.

The work horse of the Departments mowing machines was an 18 year old diesel Kaboda. Repair of that mower was estimated to cost \$5,500. To replace that machine with a new mower of the same kind would cost about \$10,700 (per an estimate from Middlefield Farm and Garden). That cost could be less, if, unlike the old mower, the new machine was not outfitted with a front end loader, which the Service Director felt was not required for the work it would be required to do.

The Service Director, with the assistance of the Village Finance Committee Chair, Ken Kvacek, also collected estimates for other, less expensive options, both diesel and gas powered.

After detailed discussion, it is the recommendation of the Committee that the Village purchase one new mower, preferably the diesel Kaboda described above, with the reasonable expectation that, with adequate care, the new mower might last as long as the old. It was noted that it would be, if it were affordable, a good plan to have a second, backup mower. If and when that becomes an option, the Committee recommends the purchase of a less expensive commercial gas mower, comparable to the \$5,000 Ferris mower, which was part of the review process. It was noted that our neighboring village of Chagrin Falls uses Ferris mowers, and replaces them every 4-5 years. Purchase of one of their replaced mowers might be an option to consider.

VILLAGE ROAD REPAIR, STRIPING AND ASPHALT PROJECTS: The Village Engineer presented maps of the Village indicating the areas which are selected for Road repairs in 2020. Appropriate legislation will be drafted for consideration at the next Council meeting, August 19, 2020.

OTHER MATTERS DISCUSSED: The Committee was advised that the grass reseeded after Chagrin Water Department sewer repair at 210 Grey Fox Run has emerged to be a patch of scrubby weeds instead. Council Rep Kvacek volunteered to discuss the matter with an unidentified Chagrin Council rep. Kathleen Hale will call the Water Department to ask for reseeded. The Committee was also advised that the resident at 270 Grey Fox Run sought advice as to whether the Village can help correct the “speed bump” which has been raised on her driveway where it passes over the drainage culvert at the side of the road. The Village Engineer reiterated the proposition that upkeep of both culverts and driveways are the responsibility of the resident. However, he will make a quick inspection of the bump in question, and consider what might be done to correct it.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:07. The next Committee Meeting will no be held September 7, since that is Labor Day. An alternative date will be set.