

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY MEETING
APRIL 12 , 2021 VIA ZOOM

9:00 AM

ATTENDEES:

- Kathleen M Hale
- Terry Hemmelgarn
- Service Director Lloyd Nagel
- Police Chief Gabe Barone (joined the Meeting in progress)
- Kathleen Esposito
- Ken Kvacek
- Alex Goetsch

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Minutes of the March 8, 2021, as amended after the March Council Meeting, were reviewed and approved.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- New hiring remains challenging.

SERVICE DIRECTORS'S REPORT

- New mower has been delivered. We'll take it for a spin when the grass dries out.
- The new salt order is due this month. The price will be set after all orders are in. Last year's cost was about \$50/ton. Previous year's cost was \$73. We presently have 300-50 tons in storage. Suggested purchase amount is 400 tons, which will bring us close to our average. Remaining 100 tons from this year's order has to be delivered by the end of this month.
- Bids for replacing the 100 amp panel in the Park, damaged by the tree downed by the recent storm are being solicited. Two have been received, ranging from \$1,400 to \$2,300. When we determine the cost, the decision will be made whether to file an insurance claim. Kathleen Hale will determine with the Village Financial Officer on the terms of our insurance coverage. The tree, though large, was removed by the Service Department.
- The Service Director is collecting bids from tree services for removing Village trees that have been identified for removal. All companies seem to be scheduling late in the summer, because of backlog. The Service Department has marked 6-7 trees for contractor removal. There are other tasks that the Service Department can carry out on its own.

- Council Rep Kvacek asked whether the Village will contract for street sweeping. Sweeping was last performed in 2019, and costs about \$500 for a 4 hour minimum. The Service Director will pursue the issue.

OLD BUSINESS

- Asset inventory review by the Service and Police Departments were discussed. The 2002 one ton dump truck (estimated replacement cost \$100,00) is the vehicle most likely to need replacement. There is wear and tear. The Chief suggested investigating the possibility of leasing over a three year period.
- Service would also benefit from a new back pack leaf blower. The Service Director will report back about cost of buying a new Stihl.
- Police vehicles have been purchased under a one new vehicle every two year schedule, subject to Village Budget.

NEW BUSINESS

- Councilman Kvacek asked about the “multi-municipality “ purchase of tools to acquire license plate information for cars coming through the Village. New products are available, providing more precise information. Data of all vehicles passing through the Village (perhaps excluding Village residents) would be collected and stored on a server belonging to the service provider. That information may then be shared with other client municipalities. Information can then be retrieved as needed to assist in future investigations. These devices are being offered by several companies. The Chief confirmed that many, if not most, of surrounding communities have purchased these tools, sometimes from multiple companies. The issue will be discussed after more information is collected. Cost, utility and concerns about privacy will need to be evaluated before pursuing further.
- There was discussion about how best to deal with branch pickup product. Presently, we transport the picked up branches to the Chagrin Falls Service Department, where it is picked up by Green Bridges for a cost of \$66 per 30 yard truck. Pickup has recently been restarted. The alternative of purchase or rental of a chipper to process the branches ourselves, at least in part, was discussed.

The Meeting was adjourned at 10:08.

The next Meeting will be held on May 10, 2021. The time is to be determined, but it is hoped that we will be able to meet in person.