

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO

STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

DECEMBER 6, 2021 MEETING

BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALLE

9:00 AM

MINUTES

ATTENDEES:

Kathleen Hale

Terry Hemmelgarn

Ryan Klemm, Service Director

Gabe Barone, Police Chief joined the meeting while in progress

Kathleen Esposito

Ken Kvacek

REVIEW OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The Minutes of the November 8, 2021 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Salt application:** After several weather events requiring salt, it was decided to prioritize treatment the main roads (Cannon, Solon, Liberty, Holbrook, and Chagrin River) and bridges first, followed by the developments, rather than running a circular route. It was noted that some areas within the developments are high risk, because of curves and/or grade, and will require careful attention. Alternative de-icing materials, such as cinders, were discussed.
- Council Rep Esposito suggested **signage on Grey Fox Run** that would, when the temperature drops below a target level, activate to flashing caution at 65 where there is a history of sliding off the road. The Service Director will investigate options.
- **Leaf pickup is now over,** officially, yet residents continue to leave leaf piles on the curb, particularly in Chagrin Valley Trails. Weather permitting, there will be one more collection, but looking forward, we will have to communicate a firm deadline to residents. We may post signs at the entrance of the developments for the date of last leaf pickup. We will revisit the issue in the near future, with emphasis on equipment aging out.
- **Existing vehicles** are being patched together until we receive the new trucks that have been ordered.
- **Truck Lease and Purchase** One truck under order is being assembled and should be ready by the end of the year. The other may not be received until February 2022 because of issues with the delivery issues to the dealer. The only bidder for the trucks was the original offer, which came in as expected.

- **Equipment.** The Mayor and the Service Director have reviewed purchase of a new boom mower, one new chipper, and a bucket for the Kaboda mower, suitable to our needs. Anticipated total cost about \$32,000, as part of the 2022 Budget.
- An ad has been published for the last two weeks for a **new part time hire in the Service Department**, but there have been no responses.
- **Uniforms:** There is a need for new, plain, reflective work wear. The Service Director will look into options. The Committee expressed support for the Department to have clean, safe, work wear.

CHIEF'S REPORT

- **The lease for the new squad cars** is in process. Outfitting the cars is budgeted for 2022 (\$14,000), and will not be completed until then, although the cars will be delivered in the next few weeks. The cars will not be outfitted until the end of January.
- Car 44 is down, and needs a new water pump.
- **Radios** presently in use, while functional, are up to a dozen years old. Purchase of a radio to be installed in the new cars, if approved, would add about \$1,000-1,500. The Chief will discuss with the Mayor.
- **Staffing:** We've lost a couple of part time officers, and are searching for replacements.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Clarification of Village policy concerning replacement of neighborhood street identification signs.** Standard green reflective signs are the responsibility of the Village. A more ornate option would be more expensive. Recently, the Village paid for the replacement of the sign at Grey Fox Run and Eagle Nest, with an aluminum sign similar design, for about \$130. The Service Director will do a census of the street identification signs in the Trails, and look for bids to replace them, since many or most of those signs are at the point of needing to be replaced. When we have firm numbers, we will discuss cost with Chagrin Valley Trails.

NEW BUSINESS

- Consolidation and reorganization of **Village Facebook** pages was discussed.
- Ken Kvacek suggested pursuing the installation of **electricity drops** to facilitate Holiday lighting. He will investigate costs and report back to the Parks and Facilities Committee in January.
- Dustin Welch from the **Cleveland Shakespeare Festival** has offered to partner with the Village to present performances of Hamlet and/or Moliere's The Learned Ladies in the River View Park in the summer of 2022. We are very happy to welcome them, and to discuss arrangements.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:15.