

# VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO

## STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

MARCH 7, 2022

BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

9:00

### MINUTES

#### ATTENDEES:

- Kathleen M Hale
- Terry Hemmelgarn
- Chief Gabriel Barone
- Service Director, Ryan Klemm
- Kathleen Esposito, Council Rep
- Ken Kvacek, Council Rep
- Nickol Sell, Finance Director
- Mayor Leonard Spremulli

#### THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:01

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 31, 2022 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

#### POLICE STAFFING

- Mayor Spremulli noted that more part time officers have recently left the department, and it is anticipated that a full time officer who has been on medical leave for some time is unlikely to return. **It is recommended by the Committee that another full time officer be added to the force at this time, and a second full time officer will be hired when the spot becomes open.**
- The proposal to hire a new full time officer will be on the Agenda at the next Council Meeting for consideration.

#### SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- **Salt:** We anticipate needing 5-600 tons of road salt for next year at the beginning of the season, because our reserves were less than had been estimated and because this has been a heavy year for salting the roads.
- **Targeted salting:** This season, the Service Department has salted county roads before smaller streets. The spreading of salt has continued to be the function of the oldest truck in our garage, the Freightliner.

- **Shrinkage:** Ken Kvacek asked how much salt is lost through leakage. The Service Director pointed out that we conform both to EPA and Chagrin Valley Watershed requirements, and loss is at a minimum.
- **Newly Ordered Vehicles are in place and operational.** Identification decals will run \$750 for both new trucks, and will be installed in house. The cost will come out of Maintenance and Repair of Service Equipment. The Service Director showed the design for the decals.
- **Old Equipment:** 84,6000 has been recaptured to date. Mowers will go to auction in the spring, when demand is better.
- **Signage:** Where possible, signs have been repaired and rehung. A more comprehensive sign replacement policy will be discussed in the near future.
- **Trees:** There is a lot near the corner of Solon and Liberty that have a number of downed trees and trees that need to be removed. The Service Director offered to talk to the owner. Ken Kvacek pointed out that a similar situation exists in other areas, and suggested that the owners be contacted as well, and residents asked to stop by to talk things over with the Mayor (per the Mayor).
- **Leaf collection and branch pickup:** We need to communicate start and ending dates for collection, and ask that piles be located within 10' of the curb.
- **Big item trash removal:** Residents need to be informed that mattresses, etc, will be picked up by Kimble, with notice. The Service Department cannot haul and store.
- **Hazardous Household Chemicals:** We will begin a twice per year drop off. The first will be in April, with drop off at the Service Garage.
- **Private snow plow contractors** should be registering with Village Hall. This season, there have been numerous incidents with snow being deposited into the street or across the street against the neighbor's mailbox. Looking forward to next year, the Service Director and the Committee will work out a registration and education process to address the problem.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

- **Staffing:** There was discussion about the timing of termination of salary for our full time officer on medical leave, should he not return.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

- **FLOCK Camera Automated license Plate Readers (ALPR)** Ken Kvacek has renewed his recommendation that the Village participate in the system. He will make available the Memorandum of Understanding which seems to offer no-cost access to the information collected by neighboring subscribing communities (Bentleyville is surrounded by subscribing communities, with the exception, presently, of Chagrin Falls). The Chief pointed out that other communities have reached out to residents to contribute to the

cost of subscribing. The cost of subscription would be \$2,500 per camera, plus a one-time installation fee of \$350 per camera. The FLOCK company, at the invitation of Ken Kvacek, visited Bentleyville and recommended placement of 6 cameras (total cost \$16,800). The cameras are solar powered.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- **Recycling:** There was a brief discussion about paper and cardboard recycling for residents.

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 10:25.**

Minutes prepared and submitted by Kathleen M Hale.