

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 13, 2023 MEETING
9:00 AM, BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Attendees:

- Alex Goetsch
- Kathleen Hale
- Ken Kvacek
- Chief Gabe Barone
- Service Director Ryan Klemm
- Fiscal Officer Nickol Sell

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 9:00AM

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES: The Minutes of the January 9, 2023 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- The Service Director reported that the Service Department was in the best situation it has been in for several years. The Tractor repair is or has been completed and will come in under expected cost.
- Several estimates were obtained for the removal of four large trees. The lowest estimate was substantially below the others, and includes cutting down and removing the trees, with cuts close to the ground. Stump grinding can be done in-house. This work will likely be completed within the next month.
- The Service Director reported that the trailer used to transport lawnmowers, etc needs significant repairs to the axels and lights. Parts estimates are approximately \$2,500-\$3,000. The frame of the trailer, which is quite old, is heavily rusted as well. The cost for a new, replacement trailer would be around \$3,900. The Committee will raise this issue in Finance to determine whether it would be a better use of Village funds to purchase new versus repair the old trailer.
- The Service Director reported that the Village currently has about 100 tons of salt in the salt bin. The Village is contractually obligated to order and purchase 423 tons of additional salt by April 15, 2023. About 200 tons of capacity remain in the salt bin. Because penalties and storage fees are charged by the salt provider if complete delivery is not ordered by April 15, it may make sense to expand the capacity of the salt bin by purchasing blocks and tarps, at a cost of approximately \$5,000. Those materials could also be repurposed at a later date. A typical snowy day can use between 25-40 tons of salt. The Committee will revisit this issue at the March Meeting and see where salt

capacity stands at that time. Ultimately, this could substantially reduce the Village's salt costs for the 2023-2024 season if significant quantities remain after this season.

- The Service Director reported that the leaf machine is nearing the end of its life. Cost to replace would be about \$100,000. If sold in its current condition, the existing machine could have a resale value near \$25,000. The Committee discussed that a decision on a replacement leaf machine will need consider the potential impact a change in the size and/or location of the Service Garage, which will depend on a resolution with the Metroparks. The Committee will continue to monitor this issue along with the Parks and Facilities Committee.
- Council President Hale raised the issue of a new street sign in Chagrin Valley Trails. The Village will provide a standard green and white street sign, or at the HOA's option, purchase a more decorative sign of the HOA's choosing, provided that the HOA must pay the difference in cost. The Service Director will obtain the cost of the basic sign so that the HOA has that information to make its decision on a new sign.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:

- The Police Chief reported that Unit #1542 needs a new power transfer unit. This is the oldest vehicle in the fleet, with close to 100,000 miles. The best estimate for repairs is \$1,900, which cost is in the current Budget.
- The Police Chief discussed the needs to purchase two MDTs (laptops for use in the police vehicles). Refurbished unit costs have come down recently and are now about \$995 (previously about \$1,500) each. Those funds are in the current Budget.
- The Police Chief discussed the option to join Lexipool for policy manuals and more particularly officer training and certification purposes. Costs have typically been around \$6-7,000 per year. Occasionally, promotional pricing is offered. Councilman Goetsch will meet with the Chief to further understand the need and alternatives for this service.
- The Police Chief discussed the ongoing difficulties to attract and retain part-time officers. Despite pay increases in the last several years, the Village still offers the lowest pay for any community in the area. The Mayor and the Police Chief have discussed the potential to allot an additional full-time officer to reduce the need to use part-time officers. While that should help staffing issues, there would be an additional cost based on the benefits paid to full-time employees. There was also a discussion about increasing the pay schedule for full-time officers. The Committee will revisit this issue after the Fiscal Officer provides projections for the impact to the Village Budget, and then this issue will be addressed in Finance.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Service Department Garage Dumpsters and issues with unauthorized use were discussed. This issue appears to be resolved, although an additional sign, at a cost of about \$25, will be purchased to warn that the Dumpsters are monitored by video.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Timing of 2023 Meetings. Going forward, Committee meetings will begin at 8:00am.

- The Service Director and Police Chief were asked to identify any potential equipment needs for the remainder of 2023, with the understanding that many repair items cannot be anticipated.

THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:55AM. The next meeting will be March 6, 2023 at 8:00am.

These Minutes prepared by Alex Goetsch