

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO  
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE  
March 13, 2023 MEETING  
8:00 AM - BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Attendees:

- Alex Goetsch
- Mayor Spremulli
- Kathleen Hale
- Ken Kvacek
- Chief Gabe Barone
- Service Director Ryan Klemm
- Fiscal Officer Nickol Sell
- Resident Robert Chalfant
- Resident Mo Hamdan

**THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 8:00AM**

**REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** The Minutes of the February 13, 2023 Meeting were reviewed and approved.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

- The Service Director reported all scheduled tree removal has been completed, and that the tractor has been repaired and is back in service. Repair costs came in about 50% less than estimated.
- 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. That issue was not addressed at the last Finance meeting because of time constraints.
- As discussed in the last meeting, 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 makes sense to expand the capacity of the salt bin by purchasing blocks and tarps. The Mayor recently authorized the expenditure of approximately \$6,500 under his spending authority to purchase those materials so that the expanded storage will be available by the time the last salt delivery must be ordered. This should result in a savings of about \$6,000 by avoiding storage fees, and should allow the Village to spend approximately 50-75% less than last year for salt in the 2023-2024 season because of stockpile.
- Mr. Hamdan asked about the financial obligation of the Village to provide replacement street signs for Chagrin Valley Trails. The Service Director, with the Mayor's approval, advised that the Village will contribute the cost for replacement of all signs with the standard green and white street signs (\$3,500). At HOA's option, more decorative signs could be purchased, provided that the HOA must pay the difference in cost. Once the HOA advises how it wishes to proceed, the Village will coordinate with the HOA to obtain and install that signage.

## **CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT:**

- The Police Chief reported that repairs to Unit #1542, which needs a new power transfer unit, have not yet been scheduled. The vehicle is in use, but occasionally runs rough. which cost is in the current Budget.
- The Police Chief reported that two MDTs (laptops for use in the police vehicles) have been purchased and are in the process of being installed.
- The Police Chief and Mayor discussed the proposal to add an additional full-time officer to reduce the need to use part-time officers, in order to help staffing issues. The Fiscal Officer provided projections for the net impact to the Village Budget. The Village currently employs six fulltime officers, including the Chief. The proposal is to add one fulltime officer and reduce the currently allotted weekly part-time hours from 48 hours per week as follows, with the following net increases to the Budget:
  - 16 hours/week = \$11,992
  - 18 hours/week = \$14,998
  - 20 hours/week = \$17,984
  - 24 hours/week = \$23,975

The Mayor and Chief request approval of the 24 hour/week option, noting that only about 16 hours/week would normally be used to fill the daily scheduling needs. The remainder would be available for vacation or sick time coverage, or may be unused. Councilman Kvacek questioned whether those funds would be better used to pay for Flock cameras. While currently unclear, the estimated cost of Flock cameras would be approximately \$2,500 to \$5,000 per year, per camera location. The Chief stated that the ability to have enough officers on duty would have a greater impact on the department's ability to protect village residents. The Committee will recommend the 24 hours/week option to the Finance Committee for approval.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

- See above

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

- No new business was discussed

**THE MEETING WAS ADJOURNED AT 9:05AM.** The next meeting will be April 10, 2023 at 8:00am.

These Minutes prepared by Alex Goetsch