

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

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alex Goetsch
Ryan Rubin
Ken Kvacek
Chief Barone
Matt Maistros
Doug Miller, resident
Bob Chalfant, resident

The Meeting was called to order at 8:05 a.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

No minutes from the April 2023 meeting were available for review and approval.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The service director reported that everything is going well with the service department. All equipment is working properly. While it was suspected that the chipper would not be suitable for extensive use, it is now expected that it should work well as long as used for smaller branches and not run continuously over multiple days. The service director reported that it may make sense to sell the small Kubota tractor because that tractor is not well suited for the mowing work that it is primarily used for. Resale prices indicate that a substantial portion of the Village's investment could be recouped on sale. Proceeds could then be used to purchase a walk behind zero-turn mower that would be more useful. Likewise, the roadside cutter is not well-suited for vertical cutting of brush. That equipment could also be sold, and any necessary trimming done with hand-held trimmers.

Street sweeping is scheduled for May 19. The service director also confirmed that crack sealing is on the schedule this season for Berkshire Estates, which work will be completed by the usual contractor.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

The Chief reported that the Village has promoted an additional officer to full time as of May 1, 2023. As a result, the Mayor also approved the purchase of two body cameras at a cost of about \$450 each. The Village had one camera dedicated for each full-time officer, and one unit

that was used for part-time officers. Those cameras are now almost 6 years old, so two units were purchased to make sure sufficient units are available.

The Chief also reported that he is assisting with seeking a resolution of a dispute concerning the recent purchase of a new mower trailer. The trailer, which was supposed to be new, has some rust, dents, and scratches, and seems to be missing a spare tire. The Chief will keep the Committee posted on whether an agreement can be reached to exchange the trailer for a new trailer.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trailer repair or replacement. A new trailer was purchased for about \$3,900. As above, there are some issues with the condition of the trailer. Hopefully, those issues will be resolved satisfactorily by the next meeting.
- Salt commitment and storage capacity. The service director reported that a plan is in place to store all remaining salt in the shed if the supplier will not store for free until the end of the year. We should know in the next 30-45 days if the supplier will seek to impose storage costs.
- Leaf machine – potential replacement – not discussed.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Resident Doug Miller attended to meeting to raise a few concerns. First, Doug is concerned about some dead trees that may be in the right-of-way on Holbrook and pose a risk if those trees fall. The service director will review and attempt to coordinate removal with the Metroparks if possible. Doug also wanted to ensure that the Village was aware of several deep potholes on Chagrin River Road. The service director was aware and will plan to patch now that a trailer is available to move the plate compactor to do the work. Finally, Doug asked that, when resurfacing of Holbrook is next scheduled, serious consideration be given to widening the road, which he feels is too narrow to accommodate the many landscaping trailers and delivery trucks that use Holbrook Drive.

The meeting was concluded at 9:00 a.m. Next meeting scheduled for June 12, 2023 at 8:00 a.m.