

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
October 9, 2023 MEETING
8:00 AM, BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alex Goetsch
Ken Kvacek
Kathleen Hale
Matt Maistros
Chief Barone

The Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

No minutes from the September 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 and is ready for leaf season. The service director is working towards listing the wood chipper for sale because it is not sufficient for Village needs. The Village is currently using weekly collection of the Kimble dumpsters for stick and leaf disposal. The Village may need to examine stick pick-up policy if long term use of dumpsters is not practical, given cost of disposing of material. Many residents place sticks for pick up outside of storm damage, which was likely the initial purpose of this service. Surrounding communities typically only pick up storm damage. The Village tractor, which is used for many purposes, is an extremely important piece of equipment as used to load salt into plow trucks. The tractor is nearing end of life, and serious consideration of a replacement is needed. A used replacement tractor would likely cost at least \$60,000. Likewise, the leaf machine may be on its last legs, but will hopefully last the season. Cost to replace could be in the neighborhood of \$100,000. Potholes on Chagrin River Road have been repaired.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

The Chief reiterated the need to subscribe to Lexipol for use with policy manuals, training, and compliance. That subscription is included in current 2024 Budget, and will be addressed by Council. Chagrin Valley Dispatch is changing its RMS and CAD systems. Cost to the Village for these systems is not yet clear. The Chief reported that there has been an increase in public records requests, including for body and dash-cam video. This presents an administrative cost, both for the production of the video files, but more importantly to redact video as necessary to protect

confidential and private information. The Chief has investigated software solutions to streamline that process. The most economical package would cost about \$5,500 for a five-year license. Two new police vehicles are requested in 2024. One lease payment ends this year, and the Village will retain that vehicle, which should last for at least a few years. So, two new vehicles would be a net cost of one additional lease payment per year, plus changeover costs for two vehicles. That cost is included in the current draft of the 2024 Budget.

OLD BUSINESS

- Trailer replacement – the trailer cannot be titled, and is not safe for operation. Service director will investigate sale for scrap value.
- Leaf machine – See Service Director's report above.
- Potential sale of Kubota tractor – Village will retain the tractor, but a replacement is needed.
- Woodchipper will be sold as soon as access to gov auction account is available.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Proposed step increases applicable to full-time officers – This item is in the proposed 2024 Budget and will be addressed by Finance Committee and Council.
- Capital requirements for 2024: As above, Leaf Machine and Tractor for Service Department, and software needs for Safety.
- Potholes on Chagrin River – have been repaired.
- Overlook Road plowing issues – There is not sufficient space to turn around the leaf machine on Overlook. Thus, only possible to remove leaves on one side of street. Similarly, the turnaround is not sufficient to turn around the plow and/or insufficient area to pile plowed snow. Village will need to determine obligation to perform these services on private streets.
- Portions of the road edge on Holbrook are failing because of a lack of shoulder support and likely caused by wide trucks and trailers. This issue will be referred to the Village Engineer.
- Councilman Kvacek raised the issue of removing the pull off area at the intersection of Cannon and Solon Roads. The area is unsightly. It is used by landscapers and Metroparks. This issue will be referred to the Village Engineer to explore options.
- A section of guardrail needs replaced on Miles Road. The Village has some guardrail available and the service director will determine if the repairs can be made.
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The meeting was concluded at 9:17 a.m.