

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

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alex Goetsch
Ken Kvacek
Matt Maistros
Chief Barone

The Meeting was called to order at 8:08 a.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the October 2023 meeting were approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The service director reported that everything is going well with the service department. Leaf season has gone well, and hopefully will be completed in the next week or so. The City of Solon generously allowed the Village to dump leaves at no charge at Solon's facility, where the leaves are composted. Currently unclear whether that will be an option in the future. The leaf vac will make it through the season, but as previously reported, needs to be replaced or the leaf-pickup program terminated. A replacement machine will likely cost more than \$100k.

All equipment is ready to go for snow season. A counterweight should be added to the tractor to accommodate the large bucket that is now used for salt loading. The service director will confirm the price and order the counterweight provided the Mayor approves and budget space is available. The tractor also needs new tires, which could be \$1-3,000. A heavier duty tractor or loader should be included in capital expenditures next year, or as soon as possible. Salt loading is one of the most important activities in the Village, and the tractor is the only current means to do that, but this tractor is undersized for that use.

Christmas lights will be installed soon. The Chief noted that the new guardrail installed by the County on the Miles Road bridge looks good and suggested that a similar replacement should be investigated for the Solon Road bridge, where the decorative fencing is also deteriorating. The service director will work on replacing a few sections of damaged guardrail after leaf season as time permits.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

The Chief has a new Durango police vehicle lined up to lease, with the initial annual payment due this fiscal year. Completion of that order needs to be coordinated with Mayor. Plans also include leasing another vehicle in 2024. The oldest replaced Explorer will then be used by the Service Department. The Chief reiterated the need to subscribe to Lexipol for use with policy manuals, training, and compliance. That subscription cost has recently been reduced and is included in current 2024 Budget. Action should be taken to ensure the potential cost savings.

All radio systems need a software update, which is facilitated by Chagrin Valley Dispatch. This will cost about \$1,800 and must be included in the 2024 Budget. Likewise, the Chief reiterated the need for software to redact media for public records production. The most economical package would cost about \$5,500 for a five-year license. The Committee discussed whether it would be appropriate to amend the applicable ordinance to allow cost-recovery for the thumb drives used to produce records, or alternatively confirm that it would be appropriate to use secure “dropbox” systems to transmit these large media files.

OLD BUSINESS

- Councilman Kvacek previously 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. Upon investigation, there does not appear to be any reason to retain that area as a pull off. The Parks, Facilities, and Beautification Committee, along with the Mayor, will direct implementation of any activity to restore grass in that area and/or No Parking signage.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Councilman Kvacek pointed out that the current proposed Budget for 2024 does not include any funds for capital purchases or for summer help wages. Those issues should be addressed with Finance.

The meeting was concluded at 9:01 a.m.