

VILLAGE OF BENTLEYVILLE, OHIO
STREETS AND SAFETY COMMITTEE
April 8, 2024 MEETING
8:00 AM, BENTLEYVILLE VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Attendees:

Alex Goetsch
Ken Kvacek
Bob Chalfant
Matt Maistros
Chief Barone

The Meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the March 2024 meeting were approved.

SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

The service director reported that everything is going well with the service department. The Village Park sign has been painted and looks great. Stick pickup is scheduled to begin May 1, and should be limited to 5-foot by 8" max diameter pieces, organized with the "stick-end" towards the street. Salt for the 2024-2025 season will be ordered at 300 tons. The Village has about 300 tons remaining in the salt shed, so that amount should be sufficient for the coming season. Additional slat deliveries are permitted under the contract, if necessary. Matt is monitoring used loaders until authorizing legislation is passed. Likewise, Matt is investigating used chippers. The Village cannot continue to dispose of branch materials in the Kimble dumpsters, and the cost to dispose at all options has increased. Wood chips can be utilized throughout the Village and could be made available to residents for free.

CHIEF OF POLICE REPORT

The Chief reported that everything is going well. The two new Durangos are now in service. The Taurus that has been taken out of service will be sold once required stripping of certain equipment is completed. A Mobile Data Terminal has failed and needs replaced. Historically, the Village has purchased refurbished units, at considerable savings in cost. The Chief will investigate and purchase a replacement, with an expected cost of approximately \$1,500.

OLD BUSINESS

Tractor replacement: An ordinance to authorize the Mayor to enter into an agreement to purchase a loader is expected to pass at the next Council meeting. Funds sufficient to make that purchase have already been allocated to the capital fund.

Lexipol software. The software has been purchased and is now being customized for installation.

Trees in right of way. The Service Department has started cleaning drop wood in the right of way. There are a few large branches hung up in trees, but the Village does not have equipment capable to reach them for removal at this time. Matt will mark those trees/branches as they are located so that they can be removed by a tree service in the future.

Maple Street detour. The detour appears to be causing excess wear on Village streets, especially Holbrook Road. The Chief was requested to increase enforcement of unlawful thru trucks, overweight vehicles and speed in the detour area. Additional weight limit and “no trucks” signage will be investigated.

Ordinance 416.05(h) was repealed at the last Council meeting, and as such, the signage on Holbrook and Cannon requiring pedestrians to yield to vehicles will be removed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Village maintenance of right of way areas was discussed. There are a few locations in the Village where the Village has been moving grassy areas of land that are owned by residents. That activity takes 3-5 per week for the Village to complete but appears to be the responsibility of the property owners. Residents are required to maintain their own property that lies within the Village’s right of way, which extends 30 feet from the centerline of the street. The Mayor will address this issue further, but this Committee recommends that the Village should continue to mow only within the right of way.

The Chief reports that the radios used by the police will reach end of life after December 2025. After that date, the radios may continue to work for some time, but will no longer be able to be updated or repaired. The Village uses both mobile (vehicle) and portable (handheld) units. The Village will need to purchase replacement units, but those units cost approximately \$5-6,00 each. Currently, the Village owns 15 units. The Chief will outline a proposed replacement plan, which should identify the minimum number of new units that can effectively meet the Village’s needs. The Committee expects that purchases will be spread over 2024, 2025, and 2026 to spread out the cost, unless a cost savings could be realized through purchasing more units at the same time.

The meeting was concluded at 9:18 a.m.

Next meeting scheduled for May 13, 2024.