

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS  
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**February 2, 2020 @ 8:00a.m.**

**ZOOM MEETING LINK: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88110144595>**

**Committee Members Present:**

**Councilman Ethan Spencer (Chair)**

**Service Director - Ted DeWater**

**Village Engineer - Jeff Filarski**

**Mayor Dan Fritz**

**Council President Steve Richman**

**Police Chief Kevin Wyant**

**Establish Quorum** - Meeting called to order by Councilman Ethan Spencer, Committee Chair at 8:02 a.m. (attendees present at 8:00 a.m. – meeting was delayed 2 minutes)

**Approval of Minutes** – Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on November 3, 2020 were unanimously approved by Committee.

**Police Dept. Updates from Chief Wyant**

- 1) The department received their ballistic helmets. Each officer received a custom fit helmet. They were obtained through donations.
- 2) Sargent Tackla will be going through the PELC course in April, June and July of this year. The course focuses on developing leadership skills for law enforcement executives
- 3) The Village experienced two break-ins/burglaries this past weekend in the Pebblebrook neighborhood. They are currently under investigation. The Village has sent residents a code red about the incident and has included information on our Facebook page. We plan to message residents in the upcoming newsletter regarding safety tips, including locking car and home doors and other recommendations.
- 4) The Department would like to replace two vehicles this year – #4934 which is a supervisor's vehicle and #4981, the Chief's vehicle. They have 90K and 106K miles respectively. The Police Chief's vehicle would be replaced with an unmarked vehicle without a search light so that it can also be used for surveillance. After a brief discussion about budgets and the actions taken last year to delay purchases because of COVID, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend to Council replacement of the two vehicles as part of this year's budget.

**Village Engineer Updates from Mr. Filarski**

- 1) 2021 Road Program – Mr. Filarski will be reviewing our roads and coming up with recommendations for this year's program. There were a few repairs originally planned for last year that were delayed due to the budget cuts related to COVID, such as Cableknoll and Meadowhill. They will be evaluated again. He will also be evaluating the stretch of Chagrin Blvd. from South Lane to the Chagrin Falls border. We have the opportunity to receive up to \$250K from the County on a 50/50 basis for this repair. The work must be done this year or next. A decision will be made based on cost and budget constraints.

- 2) 2020 Culvert & Drainage Program – Work has been completed. A final change order will be presented to Council for approval of the final costs.

### **Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater**

- 1) Brush collection – The Service Dept. has completed round one of the brush collection as a result of the December storm. There was a massive amount of brush and tree limbs collected. Round two is beginning for those who put out additional brush after the crews had been through on round one. All brush has been placed by the salt barn at Village Hall. Once everything has been collected, plans will be made for chipping.
- 2) Vehicle repairs – very minimal this year
- 3) Snow and ice – The village has ordered 600 tons of the 2,200-ton allotment so far this year. The crews are doing a very good job keeping the roads salted and clear. Salt usage this year has been near normal levels vs. last year when we had very low usage. We expect inventory to be down by the end of the season, so we will plan to have a higher request for salt next winter.

### **Miscellaneous**

- 1) Bentleyville Rd. and Lower Giles Rd. walls paint and patch - Both walls next attention. The work was removed from the budget last year due to COVID. Mr. DeWater sought and received a unanimous recommendation from Committee to begin the process of seeking firmer estimates for the work. Initial estimates are about \$70K.
- 2) Giles road graffiti – Someone painted Hawaiian words on the road surface. There was a discussion about options for cleanup. Mr. DeWater recommended letting it fade over time rather than trying to cover it, which would make it even more noticeable.
- 3) Speed limit sign on Chagrin Blvd. east of 91 – It went missing. The Service Department will attend to replacing it.

**Adjournment 8:26 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: March 2, 2021 @ 8:00a.m.**