

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

Also present was Prashant Shah, Finance Director.

Establish Quorum - Meeting called to order by Councilman Ethan Spencer, Committee Chair at 8:02 a.m.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on February 2, 2021 were unanimously approved by Committee following an amendment to add Chief Wyant to the list of those in attendance.

Comments from Residents

Dr. Khoury, resident who lives on Cableknoll, was in attendance. He was interested in hearing the road program proposal from the Village Engineer.

Village Engineer Updates from Mr. Filarski

- 1) 2021 Road Program – Mr. Filarski presented recommendations for this year’s road program. There were a few repairs originally planned for last year that were delayed due to the budget cuts related to COVID, including Meadowhill and other various streets that are now included for this year. The stretch of Chagrin Blvd. from South Lane to the Chagrin Falls border was not part of the plan. Mr. Filarski confirmed that we will still have the opportunity to receive up to \$250K from the County on a 50/50 basis for this repair next year. In total the 2021 Road Program is estimated at \$1,055,100. Dr. Khoury noted that he was pleased that Cableknoll was part of the proposed plan.
- 2) 2021 Culvert & Drainage Program – The 2021 culvert inspection was completed. There are proposed repairs/improvements to South Woodland, SOM Center, Winterberry, and Hunting trail, as well as other miscellaneous repairs at various locations. The program is estimated to cost \$114,909.
- 3) 2021 Sanitary Sewer Program – the cost is estimated at \$335,000 for maintenance and rehabilitation, with the largest project being an equalization tank at Greentree WWTP at a cost of \$240,000.

The Committee voted unanimously in support of recommending these programs to Council for inclusion in this year’s budget.

Police Dept. Updates from Chief Wyant

- 1) There has been progress in the investigation of the break-ins in the Pebblebrook neighborhood last month. The vehicle used was identified and captured in the Gross Pointe, Michigan area, though the suspects escaped. The FBI continues pursuit, as it has been determined that the burglaries were part of an international crime syndicate operating in several states.
- 2) 2021 Police Department Capital Budget - The Department is proposing to replace two vehicles this year – #4934 which is a supervisor’s vehicle and #4981, the Chief’s vehicle. They have about 90K and 106K miles respectively. The total proposed capital budget is \$105,978 and it includes two ballistic shields as well as a new system for the police cameras. As police cars and motorcycles enter the bays, the body cam and dash cam video will be automatically uploaded into secured storage, a safer and more efficient process than before. 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 this year’s proposed budget.

Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater

- 1) Service Budget Update – Mr. DeWater recommended replacing the 2008 pick-up truck at a cost of \$45,000 along with some flooring, equipment and tool replacements for a total cost of \$57,883.77. These costs have been included in the budget submitted to the Finance Director.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Bentleyville Rd. – Mr. Spencer shared with the Committee that he was contacted by a resident on Greentree, Mr. Terry Capuano, regarding the solution that the Village had implemented for the single lane section – two stop signs and additional road striping. Mr. Capuano said that he much preferred a single yield sign. Mr. Spencer explained to him that much effort was put into the current solution, and that it would be evaluated for an extended period of time before additional changes would be considered.
- 2) Trash collection – Mr. Spencer suggested that the Village consider organizing a neighborhood trash pick-up day or “culvert cleanup” this spring when volunteers could clean up trash along the roadside in the drainage ditches in an effort to keep Moreland Hills beautiful. It was noted that the County will do that once a year on some of the main streets. Mayor Fritz said that he liked the idea and would take it under consideration.

Adjournment 8:47 a.m.

Next Meeting: April 6, 2021 @ 8:00a.m.