

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES
April 6, 2020 @ 8:00a.m.**

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.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes from last Roads and Safety Committee Meeting held on March 2, 2021 were unanimously approved by Committee.

Comments from Residents

Mr. Myeroff, resident who lives on Giles Road, was in attendance. He expressed concerns over continued traffic driving down Giles Road then turning around either in his driveway or in the road near his home when the driver realizes that the upper part of Giles is a dead end. There is a guardrail with signs saying that the road is closed. Mr. Myeroff stated that he has had people on his front lawn, that has had his sprinkler system damaged, and that his mailbox was hit. He had appeared before the committee about a year earlier expressing similar concerns. At that time the Committee discussed options for mitigating this situation and made the decision that additional signs would be installed further up Giles to alert drivers of the closure. Since that time, the signs were installed and then moved to different locations in an attempt to increase effectiveness. The Village has also been involved in notifying businesses of the closure when their trucks are spotted on the street. After discussion, the Committee agreed that Mr. Filarski would provide Mr. Myeroff the rules for placing various items in or near the right of way (boulders, trees, etc.) and that the Service Department would consider adjusting the various signs, height and potentially location.

Police Dept. Updates from Chief Wyant

- 1) Police Updates: The Chief will be asking the Law Director for legislation to approve the purchase of two vehicles that were discussed at the March Committee meeting and approved by Council as part of the 2021 Budget at the March Council meeting. The Committee unanimously approved a motion to recommend approval of the request to Council.
- 2) Body Worn Cameras: In light of what's been happening across the country including the increased need to have video evidence of what happened when police are involved in an incident, Chief Wyant stated that the Village should consider moving forward with body cameras for officers. He is in the process of getting quotes as well as researching the possibility of obtaining grants to aid with the purchase. Considerations are number of cameras needed, cost,

how the cameras will sync with the equipment that stores the video, and the policy for use. There will be further updates at the next Committee meeting.

- 3) Miscellaneous items: Solon is raising its prisoner housing costs to \$110 per day. We only use Solon if Bedford and Geauga would not be able to accommodate us. A Nissan pickup truck was seized in a drug/OVI arrest. It is being sold on govdeals.com.

Village Engineer Updates from Mr. Filarski

- 1) 2021 Road Program – The program will be going out to bid in the next one to two weeks. Recommendation for contract award is expected at the May Council meeting.
- 2) SR87 Bridge Culvert Project – This will be an ODOT project, likely in 2022. Road closure is not expected. There will be some right of way that ODOT will need to purchase from the Village.

Service Dept. Updates from Mr. DeWater

- 1) Drainage – The service crew has been replacing drainage pipes under driveways for residents that have paid for them.
- 2) Equipment/Vehicle Repairs – Our rubbish truck experienced an engine failure and is out for repairs. The recycle truck is undergoing a minor repair. Recycling pickup will be delayed 1-2 days as a result. The Village is messaging residents. The service pickup truck was budgeted for replacement this year. The Committee approved a motion to make a recommendation to Council to move forward with the replacement.
- 3) Hazardous Tree Removal – The Village removes trees that are in imminent danger of falling into roadways. The Committee approved a motion to recommend to Council that Mr. DeWater move forward with soliciting informal quotes or bids for the program.
- 4) ODOT Salt Contract – Because there has been little snow since February 17, the Village wishes to reduce its purchase commitment from the budgeted 3000 tons to 2000 tons of salt for next year's program. The Committee approved a motion for a recommendation to Council that Mr. DeWater move forward. If there were to be a very snowy winter next year, Mr. DeWater feels comfortable he could make up any shortage we may encounter by reaching out to other communities.

Miscellaneous

- 1) Speed boxes – Chief Wyant stated that the Police Department is looking into new speed boxes with updated software to make downloading the data easier, and with LED lighting that allow messaging.

Adjournment 8:58 a.m.

Next Meeting: May 4, 2021 @ 8:00a.m.