

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS  
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MINUTES  
OCTOBER 6, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M.  
VIA ZOOM**

**Committee Members**

**Present:**

**Councilwoman Monica Sturgis**

**(Chair)**

**Councilman Ethan Spencer**

**Mayor Dan Fritz**

**Chief Kevin Wyant**

**Service Director - Ted**

**DeWater**

**Village Engineer - Jeff**

**Filarski**

**Establish Quorum** - Meeting called to order by Councilwoman Monica Sturgis, Committee Chair at 8:03 a.m. (attendees present at 8:00 a.m. – meeting was delayed 3 minutes)

**Approval of Minutes** - Minutes were unanimously approved by committee attendees.

**Police Dept. Updates**

1) Police Updates – Use of Force Continuum and Use of Force Policy is on the Village of Moreland Hills website. De-escalation and Implicit Bias Training has been completed by MHPD Officers. The department is looking for additional training from Tri-C. After that training, COVID-19 dependent, the officers will meet in January for role playing scenarios. This is the next phase of the training. The department is working to schedule the scenario training. An update on the Ohio Collaborative will be discussed in a future meeting. The Lieutenant is working with a Chief that is trained to go to agencies and work through any issues and so forth. The Chief noted it is a lengthy process and they are working with the Ohio Collaborative to get things in place.

**Village Engineer Updates**

- 1) 2020 Road Program – The work is done. Final reconciling change order is set for the November 2020 Council meeting.
  - a. The Chagrin River Road Bridge will be open on October 12, 2020.
  - b. The Mayor indicated he received a question from residents regarding work that was scheduled 2020 Road Program in Meadow Wood. He shared with them that the because of COVID 19 work was delayed. Significant money came out of the 2020 Roads program and will remain in review for future programs hopefully next year. We also have other residents who want their streets completed.
- 2) 2020 Culvert & Drainage Program – Bids were opened on October 2, 2020. Five bids came in ranging \$111,929 to \$137,033. The low bidder was Woodford Excavating LLC. The Village Engineer has never worked with them. Woodford Excavating submitted a reference list. The Village Engineer has calls out to follow-up on the references. Based on the list they are well capable of doing a project of this

magnitude. A recommendation letter will be prepared for Council Meeting to award the contract.

- a. Some areas had to be deleted from the program based on the last information shared at committee meeting. Fox Glen had a place holder of \$30,000.00 to do the work there. Based on the bid numbers it came up to \$46,000.00. There was a lot more work recommended after reviewing the recording and finding out what the issues were. The following areas were deleted from this year's program and delayed for upcoming programs. The Hemlock Road culvert lining, 65 Winterberry storm sewer outlet, the catch basin work on Hunting Trail and rock channel protection in various locations. Those areas will be moved to next year. There will be a couple of easements for the program that will come to a future Council Meeting. Permitted and temporary easements on Fox Glen is needed. The Village Engineer met with residents to discuss easement needs/requirements.

### **Service Dept. Updates**

- 1) Drainage – Labor Day rain updates. Service Department is clearing all box culverts and everything along River Road. On Miles Road, between Bentleyville Road and Chagrin Falls, dirt came down and blocked the ditch. Water was coming down and blocking the roadway. The Service Department ditched approximately 200 ft. and this is complete.
  - a. 70 Trolley Trail – a number of trees washed down and blocked the creek behind that resident's home. NERSD was contacted, and part of the Storm Program with them will allow them to take care of the blockage. They will contact the resident and work on an access agreement. As soon as that is completed, they will clear the blockage.
  - b. Random issues at residents' houses are being addressed as they are submitted to the Mayor, Service Director or Village Engineer.
- 2) Vehicle Repairs/ Equipment –
  - a. New Salt and Ice Truck is scheduled to go for upfitting the second week of December. We will not see this vehicle on the road until next year.
- 3) MH 16 Turbo replacement/tire replacement
  - a. RAM Dodge pick-up was acquired. Emergency lights and the two-way communication system are being added. It will not be put until use until all items are completed for operation. When it is completed the old MH6 will be put up on Govdeals.com for auction.
  - b. Garbage truck had turbo charger and air interchanger failure. It was taken to Youngstown Mack for repair. It has been completed at a cost of \$6,958.50. Rear tires were replaced at a cost of \$3,180.12. The work was completed last week.
  - c. Salt trucks are being readied for the upcoming snow season
- 4) Auction Sales: MH 17 & Old Generators
  - a. Truck sold for 82,000.00 Buyers has to pay fees which brought a little over \$88,000.00 to the Village of Moreland Hills. Payment received. The department is waiting for the company to pick up the vehicle. It was listed at a \$50,000 reserve and received well over the reserved price.
  - b. Old Generators are currently on the Govdeal auction site receiving bids. As of the committee meeting there are two days left in the auction.

**Miscellaneous** – Service Department is still doing light in-house road patching. Lower Miles in the Bentleyville area was done and lower Jackson will be done Thursday of this week.

Mayor advised of the Labor Day rain and efforts from the Service Department and Engineer. Service Department went above and beyond and did go into residents' homes to assist with some efforts and clean up. The Mayor noted the outstanding services provided by the department and the Village Engineer during this time. A claim is being investigated based on a sewer back up at a resident's home. The resident filed a claim with the Village's insurance. At this time, the Mayor indicated it is the belief of the Village that it is not due to inadequacies on behalf of the Village. More information and updates will be shared as the claim is investigated. It could be a significant claim.

**Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 8:24 a.m.**

**Next Meeting: November 3, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.**