

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE AGENDA
February 4, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.**

Members Present:

Councilwoman Monica Sturgis (Chair)
Councilman Ethan Spencer
Mayor Dan Fritz
Chief Kevin Wyant
Serv. Forman Ron Sochinsky
Village Eng. Jeff Filarski

Meeting called to order by Councilwoman Sturgis at 8:00 A.M

Quorum established, meeting minutes from previous December 2019 meeting were approved.

Police Dept. Updates (Chief Wyant):

Police Overview:

18 sworn officers: 15 fulltime officers

3 part time officers (a 4th officer is being considered)

3 civilian staff: 1 full-time administrative assistant

2 part-time clerks

Generally, there are three officers on a shift, minimum two officers required to operate.

Vehicles:

5 marked cars (one used for school detail and training classes)

3 unmarked cars: Chief's, Detective's, Federal Task Force*

*Federal Task Force vehicle was paid for by the Task Force

Humvee – Specialty Unit (resident of Moreland Hills donated this vehicle)

1 motorcycle

Video:

4 in car video cameras

1 body worn camera (shared by the motor officers)

Calls for service:

4,918 calls logged at Chagrin Valley Dispatch in 2019

-Vehicle 4931 (2014 Ford Taurus) will be listed on GovDeals for auction.

-Contract with City of Bedford for terms of jail agreement will be shared at February Council Meeting

-Ballistics shield for cruiser is available for department use (Officer Scolaro showed the Committee one of the shields).

-Rescue Task Force Training for Moreland Hills' and Pepper Pike's Police Departments and Fire Departments trained at Orange High School.

Bentleyville Rd: Village Engineer and Service Director will discuss additional signage changes/options and tree trimming in the area to assist efforts. Signage option of alternating turns is being considered. Officers have been posted for selected enforcement. Increased citations have been issued during the selected enforcement.

Mayor Fritz indicated he visited the Bentleyville Women's Club to discuss goals for the village. During the discussion, residents indicated their concerns about speed bumps, traffic cameras and stop lights in the area. He shared neighbors in attendance indicated small signage additions and increased police presence are their preference.

Giles Road: Additional signage has been ordered to indicate the road is not a pass thru. Mayor Fritz indicated residents on Millcreek Blvd and Giles Road received a letter from his office regarding the signage and blinking light recommendation that would alert drivers that Giles Road is not a pass thru. The mayor received a response from two neighbors from the Millcreek Blvd. and Giles Road area. One neighbor indicated in his letter he spoke with other neighbors and they were not in favor of a blinking light in the neighborhood. The other neighbor also expressed concerns about a blinking light. Mayor Fritz asked the Police Department and Service Department to hold on placing the blinking light signage. In conversations with other neighborhoods, the mayor has heard that some neighbors are not in favor of blinking lights. The Police Department and Village Engineer will review additional options and present to committee for review and discussion.

Mayor Fritz also met with representatives from First Energy. The intersection of Chagrin Blvd and Chagrin River Road was discussed for a temporary light project using LED lighting. Other test locations may be considered. More details of the test will be shared in future meetings. This test area will provide insight if LED lighting will be an option to improve lighting in the village at a potentially lower cost.

Village Engineer Updates (Jeff Filarski, PE):

2020 Road Program – The village's current road conditions were evaluated and rated on a scale (poor to very good). The program estimate is \$623,700.00. The County road maintenance items have been submitted to the county with a requested reimbursement of \$159,900.00. We are awaiting a response. If approved, the 2020 Road Program will have a net cost of \$463,800.00. There is no budget for the South Woodland Road project. The South Woodland Road project was covered in previous budget. (note: maps of the village's road conditions were provided to the committee with recommendations based on evaluated conditions)

2020 Drainage and Culvert Program – The village conducted videotaping of culverts last year of the SOM Center Corridor. 30 to 40 culverts showed various degrees of deterioration in the video tapes and are being evaluated for repair needs. An estimated \$230,000.00 will be requested to cover some repairs. Videotaping of another batch of culverts will be conducted this year.

SR 87 Slope Repair – The construction crew is ready to install the wall but had concerns about the stability of the material that has recently slid. Upon engineering review by ODOT and the Village Engineer, it was determined that 17 feet of the wall face would be exposed at the end of construction. The design allows for 25 ft of exposure. ODOT engineers recommend another wall to reinforce the wall designed in the original engineering design

to allow for placing fill for a construction platform and to provide an additional factor of safety. The Village Engineer conveyed to ODOT that the Village did not have funds for an additional wall. The estimated cost for this additional wall feature is \$250,000.00.

Currently, ODOT has committed to paying for the additional wall feature, up to a limit of \$250,000.00. (note: a diagram sketch of the proposal was shared with the Roads & Safety Committee members)

Chagrin River Road - Bridge over Wiley Creek – This project was bid last year by the county. The bid was rejected and rebid. This project is now scheduled for June – October. This will result in closing at Chagrin Road, between Miles Road and Jackson Road during the June – October 2020 timeframe.

2019 Road Program – A change order will be presented in February Council Meeting to closeout the program with \$42,872.42 decrease.

2019 Drainage program – A change order will be presented in February Council Meeting in the amount of \$3,200.00. 39295 Miles Road back water valve was required along with a yard drain. The project removed guardrail and head wall, improved the look and lined the culvert that was deteriorated. The City of Solon is paying half the cost of culvert lining draining in the Miles Road area.

Service Dept. Updates (Ron Sochinsky, Service Forman):

Drainage – The Service Department has been able to consistently clear drains. Crews are out constantly cold patching where needed.

Vehicle Repairs/Equipment – Replaced conveyor chain on MH15 (salt/dump truck) estimated \$2000.00 in cost. This conveyor chain was originally projected at a higher cost. The estimated \$2000.00 is noted as a savings.

Snowplowing Updates – During working hours 3 to 5 trucks are on the road if it does not interfere with other service duties. During none working hours a third truck option is put on the road to reduce operating time and pressure on two drivers to clear roadways. Given the 87 closure and the ability of the service department to move around the village, this third truck operation has allowed the department to clear roads safer and quicker. In an effort to ensure Service Department members have qualified drivers, a permanent part-time employee has obtained a CDL. If training continues, options will be evaluated for driver to do snowplowing mainline next winter.

Rubbish/Recycle Updates – The new automated mid arm mount is schedule to arrive mid-February, 2020. This new mount will reduce litter and rubbish debris from littering the village when installed. There are fewer moving parts on this mount, and the anticipation of lower maintenance cost was noted. This mount is shorter and will reduce the length of the truck when installed. The shorter truck has better maneuverability and allows for safer operations.

Miscellaneous – 6th Moreland Hills Annual Fishing Day is scheduled for June 13 from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. The Moreland Hills Police Department has applied for ODNR Grant and awaiting outcome of the proposal.

Having no additional business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 08:50 a.m.

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