

**VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS
ROADS & SAFETY COMMITTEE
MINUTES
MARCH 3, 2020 @ 8:00 A.M.**

Members Present:

**Councilwoman Monica Sturgis
(Chair)
Councilman Ethan Spencer
Mayor Dan Fritz
Chief Kevin Wyant
Service Director -Ted
DeWater**

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

Quorum established, motion by Councilman Ethan Spencer seconded by Mayor Fritz to approve the minutes from the February 2020. Motion unanimously approved.

Police Dept. Updates – Chief Wyant - The village received a grant from ODNR in the amount of \$500.00 for the 6th Annual Moreland Hills Fishing Day scheduled for June 13, 2020 at 10 a.m.

Village Engineer Updates – Ted DeWater and Mayor Dan Fritz

2020 Road Program – Information was submitted at February meeting for council review. The village engineer requested a motion to advertise for bids. With no additional questions about the program, the committee will present a motion to council to advertise for bids.

The village engineer submitted the 2020 Preventative Maintenance program to Cuyahoga County for payment coverage. He received notification that all projects submitted would be covered except the Jackson and Chagrin River Road projects. This is the first time that all the requests were not approved. The county indicated in their communication to the village that there was an increase in applicants this year as well as an increase in the number of projects submitted. This year's program was more competitive, and the Chagrin River Road and Jackson Road projects did not rank high enough. The village plans to include these two projects in the road program using village funds.

Service Dept. Updates provided by Service Director – Ted DeWater

- 1) Drainage – Service Department continues to clean catch basins when the weather permits. They have to extend a drainage project on Ellendale Road by up to 250 ft. This will allow residents who are required to tap into the system to have the appropriate pipe connections.

Service Dept. Updates provided by Service Director – Ted DeWater (continued 1)

2) Vehicle Repairs/Equipment – Service Director recommended replacing the following vehicles:

MH 15: Snow/Ice plow truck replacement

MH 6: 1-ton pickup truck replacement

MH 15. The Snow/Ice truck needed replacement. It is 13 years old and has outlived the estimated service life. Normal service life of a truck is an estimated 12 years. With regular maintenance, the department aims to keep a truck in service for 15 years. These vehicles take a year to build and are bought off state contract proposal. The department submitted a proposal to the Village Treasurer in the amount of \$212,057.00 for budgeting purposes.

The MH 15 truck chassis review included evaluating trucks in current fleet, their maintenance history showed that the International Trucks had similar parts replaced i.e. turbo chargers, EGR system components, fuel system components. The Service Director indicated he spoke with neighboring Service Directors to understand what direction they are taking on their purchased. He noted that many are purchasing either Western Star, Mack or Freightliner vehicles. Based on the life expectancy that the village requires for operations of the snow and ice trucks, the Service Director presented his chassis recommendation based on price and durability. He recommended Western Star to build the chassis along with many of the neighboring communities. He noted that Western Star has a well-built chassis that will provide years of service in line with our life expectancy guidelines. The cost of the specified chassis is \$100,028.00

The Service Director recommended the committee consider a recommendation to Council and award equipment upfitting to Concord Road Equipment which is located in Painesville, Ohio. He outlined the reason for the recommendation is equipment continuity which allows components to be interchangeable between the snow and ice trucks currently in fleet. This interchangeability allows for limited parts in inventory. The cost of the specified upfitting is \$106,159.49.

MH 6: Bids were sent by the Service Director to three local Dodge/Ram truck dealerships for quotes on replacing the current MH 6 (2008 Ford F350 4x4 regular cab) pick-up truck. The truck was originally scheduled for replacement in 2015. The Service Department was able to extend the life of the truck at that time by completing maintenance on the truck bed and repairing body work. The truck has repeated maintenance issues that warrants a recommendation for replacement. The amount of \$45,000.00 was submitted to the Village Treasurer for the 2020 budget. Two bids to replace the truck were received which included, Ganley Chrysler of Aurora in the amount of \$36,037.51 and Junction Auto in the amount of \$35,200.00. Willoughby Chrysler Dodge Jeep did not return a proposal. Based on the returned bids, the Service Director

recommended to the committee that we submit a request to Council to purchase from Junction Auto.

Service Dept. Updates provided by Service Director – Ted DeWater (continued 2)

3) Snowplowing Updates: Salt Usage – There have been limited complaints from residents regarding the snowplowing this season. We committed to purchase 2200 tons of salt. To date, 1144 tons have been ordered. Still appropriately 1100 tons will be purchased and properly stored in salt barn. Normally, there are three trucks operating when plows are out salting the roads. During working hours 3 to 5 trucks are on the road if it does not interfere with other service duties. During non working hours a third truck option is put on the road to reduce operating time and pressure on two drivers to clear roadways.

4) Special Pickup Program – Past legislation lowered the special pickup programs to one free and one additional pickup at \$25.00 cost to residents. The Service Director recommended that we increase the number of special pickups back to two free pickups and charge \$25.00 for additional pickups with no limits on additional pickups. Year to date, there have been 31 special pickups. In 2019, there were 414 special pickups, and \$1,150.00 collected from residents for those special pickups.

Miscellaneous –

- 1) Increase in cardboard usage. The Service Department is looking into scheduling options for the village to collect cardboard on certain days at Village Hall. More details will be discussed in the Service Department and brought to committee for consideration.
- 2) The recycling truck ordered last year will be delivered in the next two weeks.
- 3) Signage was installed on Giles Road. Mayor Fritz shared pictures with the committee. He has continued conversations with the resident who shared his concerns of people turning in his yard. Mayor indicated he will follow-up after the signs have been in place for awhile to assess effectiveness/deterrence of drivers entering and attempting to turn in private driveways of residents.
- 4) Police Department shared that they have a vehicle on GOV DEALS that currently has a bid shy of \$3000.00 for the vehicle. The vehicle will remain up for bid for approximately one more week. The funds gained from the sale will go back to the general fund.

Adjournment – Motion to adjourn by Councilman Spencer, seconded by Chief Wyant.
Meeting adjourned 8:39 a.m.

Next Meeting: March 24, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.