

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

June 2, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.

Via Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89352235678>

Committee Members

Present:

Councilwoman Monica Sturgis

(Chair)

Councilman Ethan Spencer

Mayor Dan Fritz

Lieutenant Todd Dietzel

Service Director - Ted

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Village Engineer - Jeff

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Establish Quorum - Meeting called to order by Councilwoman Monica Sturgis, Committee Chair at 8:00 A.M

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were unanimously approved by committee as amended. Amendment - page two, line six and seven of the May Roads & Safety Committee minutes should read, the **second lowest bidder** was Barbicas Paving, LLC. in the amount of \$205,311.00. It was previously published, The **second highest bidder** was Barbicas Paving, LLC in the amount of \$205,311.00.

Police Dept. Updates

- 1) Mutual Aid Agreement: Moreland Hills and Cleveland Metroparks Police Department- Legislation is needed to continue agreement. Legislation will be forthcoming in upcoming legislation.

Village Engineer Updates

- 1) Bentleyville Road – One lane section
- 2) 2020 Road Program – Preconstruction meeting held with Barbicas Paving, LLC and Village Engineer. Barbicas Paving, LLC indicated they plan on starting June 14, 2020 weather permitting. It is estimated it will take two weeks to complete the majority of the work and the crack sealing will be completed later in the summer by a subcontractor. Majority of the work will be done in June 2020.
- 3) 2019 Drainage Program – All work is complete. Inspection reports indicate all restoration work is complete. Final walk through is being scheduled to confirm. Anticipate a reconciling change order to close out contract coming for Council approval in July, 2020.

Village Engineer Updates continued...

- 4) 87 slope repair – Pictures were shown to the committee via zoom sharing that were taken about a week ago. Demonstrated progress noted in the work completed. A new concrete wall has been installed. Concrete auger piles go all the way thru the wall. The auger piles are 70 feet long. The installed sheet pile wall installed by ODOT, at their cost, was noted in the pictures. Rerouting and installing storm sewers, catch basins and redoing the road way are the next phases of construction. The project completion is targeted for end of June , 2020 weather dependent.

Service Dept. Updates

- 1) Drainage – Several request from residents were made regarding their drive culverts and blockages. The department is clearing out as quickly as weather permits. Drainage work is piling up as usual when we get a rainy spring. Roughly 100 loads of waste have been taken out of the village. The Service Department located a new fill place in Russell Township at no cost to the village. The Department has started taking loads there. The Service Department is keeping up with the demand and clearing the basins. Driveway pipe repair on 35 Springdale Lane and Fox Glen and cul-de-sac repair requested on Fox Glen by the Engineering Department will be the next priorities as the drainage work decreases.
- 2) Vehicle Repairs/Equipment – Slow month for general repairs with the exception of general maintenance. The new recycle truck has arrived. It has been on the road two and a half days as the department is getting used to the operations. The department is installing a rugged liner on areas where the truck could experience a great deal of wear due to cans and other objects rubbing the truck. Village logos will be installed on the recycle truck. Once the rugged liners and logos are installed, the vehicle will be put back out in operation. The department anticipates this will take place in roughly two weeks. When all the said work is complete and the truck is out for operations, the old truck will be put on govdeals for auction.
- 3) Rubbish/Recycle: County Disposal Consortium Update – The county starting advertising for bids last week. It will be in the newspapers for two weeks. There is a pre-bid conference call with the county scheduled for June 8, 2020. Bids are scheduled to come back June 26, 2020. Moreland Hills will have the opportunity to review and opt in or opt out. The village will have up to September to ratify an agreement. It is an ongoing process. The county sent out the bid information for the departments to review prior to it going out to bid. The Service Department asked the Law Department to review the pre bid information. The Law Department asked them to clean up some wording on one of the sections and argued that when the bid packets are returned it needs to mirror what the county wanted in the original bid packet. The county agreed to make changes noted by the Law Department.

Miscellaneous

1) Bentleyville Road Discussion -Brian Halliday who is a resident at 278 Bentleyville Road was present for the meeting. The Village Engineer shared an area map of the road for use in the discussion. The shared map inventoried the signage in place to date. Discussion on providing more direction to the drivers has been discussed by resident Halliday with the mayor. The Village Engineer has evaluated and made a recommendation to add an additional sign to indicate “alternate with oncoming traffic.” There is not any space to paint a gore area or transverse lines. Traffic is being guided by the guard rails. Double wide lines (8 to 12 inch width) were discussed as an option to improve the communication. The stop bars were recommended for repainting. Mr. Halliday indicated brighter lines on the road and something emphasizing narrowing of the road would be helpful. Mr. Halliday agreed with the Village Engineer’s recommendation. Sign 4 is recommended for removal. It said stop ahead no thru traffic. It is a redundant sign. It repeats sign 2. Lt. Dietzel indicated that all no thru traffic signs on Bentleyville Road are not enforceable because it is a public road. Lt. Dietzel indicated that the no thru trucks sign can remain. However, at times there has been confusion on what trucks are allowed. Single axle box are permitted, double axle and semi-trucks are not permitted. The Village has contacted a few businesses indicating that Bentleyville Road is not a thru road. The Mayor contacted Coca-Cola’s Route Manager because of a truck that has been seen in the area. Coca-Cola’s Route Manager spoke to the driver and terminated the truck entering the area. It does help when we find the names of the trucks entering the area. When the Village Police sees an unauthorized vehicle entering the area, they stop the vehicle and make them aware of the road guidelines. The Village Engineer will provide new drawings to the committee with all information we have discussed. Mr. Halliday asked if Lt. Dietzel had any prohibition in his mind that the village could not put up an unenforceable sign? He went on to say that in other words, the fact that the sign is there would that be improper or illegal? Lt. Dietzel indicated he would have to speak with the Prosecutor and Law Department regarding the matter. He noted he has been working in the village 23 years and those signs have been up 23 years. Mr. Halliday noted a number of communities have unenforceable signs posted and indicated his support for keeping the no thru traffic signs.

2) Giles Road Discussion –Mr. Meyeroff resident at 4265 Giles road has had three or four conversations with the Mayor subsequent to this issue being brought to the committee. The issue of the cars coming to the end of Giles Road and not having an option of turning around other than his driveway continues to be an issue. Mr. Meyeroff has a nest camera and is able to provide pictures of how bad it can get. It is as blatant as trucks driving in front of his home and will come out and exit his driveway. The

Mayor indicated these actions are very invasive and he sees Mr. Meyeroff's point. Mayor indicated our solutions were somewhat limited. The Mayor emailed the Committee Chair, Village Engineer and Service Director to consider something at the end of that road which could provide room going into the right of way that could allow a three point turn and encourage people not to enter the private property and visually see a place they can navigate. If there is anything we can orchestrate there, Mr. Meyeroff would like us to consider it. The Mayor also shared that Lt. Dietzel shared with him yesterday that Chagrin Fire also flagged this area on squad call. They were able to get into the last driveway in the area, not Mr. Mirnoff's residence, with a squad car; however, they noted getting back to that house with a fire engine would be prohibitive. The Fire Department has concerns about getting back to the last house with a fire engine. The Service Director reviewed the area and indicated he could put a 15-foot extension on the culvert pipe of the resident's house and widen her drive apron at no cost to her. This solution, if agreed, would allow the safety forces to enter. The Service Director indicated the department is limited to what they do because there is a fire hydrant there. Without moving the hydrant, there are limitations to what the Service Department can do in this area. The Village Engineer indicated the hydrant can be moved. It is an estimated \$10,000.00 dollars to move the hydrant. It looks like there is an area of 10 to 15 feet before the hydrant that could aid the request and make the area accessible to a fire engine. The Village Engineer asked if the Service Director and a representative of the Fire Department would evaluate the area for a proposal to move or not move the hydrant. The Service Department agreed to meet with the Fire Department to assess the situation. The Village Engineer reviewed the area and indicated he did look at creating an area for a turnaround that would allow larger vehicles including a school bus to enter. It is a more costly option and may require some right of way. The Village Engineer will provide drawings at the next scheduled committee meeting. The Mayor says he does not see any other options other than adding the sign that has been added and exploring new options by Village Engineer. Mr. Meyeroff suggested that when you turn off Chagrin Blvd. the sign warning you of the closure is a little too soon. He would like it removed and suggested we move it further South and before Millcreek Blvd. which would allow the driver to complete the turn and establish their line of site. It was brought to the committee for discussion for the Village Engineer and Service Department input. The Village Engineer indicated it is not a legal aspect. It is more a practical aspect. If the driver cannot see it in time it does not help. The Service Department indicated we could move it roughly 30 feet; however, if moved further, it will be in the front yard of residents. Also, there are trees there. The Service Department indicated he could immediately add a new black and white sign in a better location south of and before Millcreek to assist with drivers seeing the notice after they complete their turn.

Navigation systems have been checked and they are not routing cars in the area. It is clear in those systems this is a closed road. Google maps was alerted by the Village Engineer this is not a thru area and they corrected their maps. In car vehicles and Garmins may not be updated because they are not online. Waze was also checked during the meeting. The Village Engineer will bring drawings of a proposal to next meeting for committee review.

Committee Chair asked Lt. Dietzel to share with the committee the Police Departments participation in the protest occurring in the local area. She also thanked them for their service and commitment to safety. Lt Dietzel shared a young man from Bainbridge sent an email last week indicating a Black Lives Matter Rally in Chagrin Fall's Riverside Park. When it was brought to the attention of Chagrin Falls Police Department, they reached out to the young man to see how they could work with him to make this a peaceful protest.

Over the weekend the Moreland Hills Police SWAT participated in the valley enforcement group efforts in downtown Cleveland near the Justice Center. The Cleveland Police had requested their help. The Chagrin Falls Police have also reached out requesting help for any protests in Chagrin Falls, should they occur.

Councilwoman Laura Kozminski-Vanderhart indicated resident Michele Gilbert of 90 Twin Acres Court contacted her about MHPD. Council Woman Kozminski-Vanderhart indicated the resident emailed her prior to some of the protest and some of the things we are currently seeing. She wanted to know more about the training MHPD officers receive. The resident indicated first and foremost her experience with the MHPD have been outstanding and very helpful. She did have some questions about the training our officers receive, specifically de-escalation training. She also inquired about the use of cameras within the MHPD. Councilwoman indicated she and the Mayor had discussed the inquiry last week. Lt. Dietzel indicated that the MHPD has received de-escalation training and that the department considers training for officers to be very important. Some of the training planned for the current year had been cancelled due to COVID-19. They are always looking for opportunities to train officers, and are evaluating online options. Lt. Dietzel also said that four squad cars have in vehicle cameras, and that the department has one body camera which is typically used with the motorcycle.

Adjournment: 9:04 a.m.

Next Meeting: June 30, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.