

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

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

Via Zoom

Meeting Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89119927081>

Committee Members Present:

Councilman Ethan Spencer

Mayor Dan Fritz

Police Chief Kevin Wyant

Service Director - Ted DeWater

Village Engineer - Jeff Filarski

Establish Quorum - Meeting called to order by Councilman Ethan Spencer at 8:02 A.M

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were unanimously approved by committee with no amendments

Police Department Updates (Chief Wyant)

- 1) Posting of policies on-line – The Chief stated that he did not intend to post the policing policies and procedures for the village on-line. He had concerns that doing so could be detrimental to officers because it would tell individuals about how the police would respond to certain calls. He checked with other departments in the area and was told that none of them post policies and procedures on line.
- 2) Additional training – The police department is working on additional training. We have had training in the past on Crisis Intervention, De-escalating Mental Health Crisis, Wellness and managing stress, Cultural Diversity and Sensitivity. We have not had them recently. We are looking to introduce Bias Training, De-escalation, Use of Force, and Riot Response. Tri-C is attempting to assist in putting together this type of training. We are also looking at role play type training.

Mayor Fritz noted that these two issues arose out of a closed meeting held with a number of residents including Council President Richman, Committee Chair Sturgis and the Chief. The meeting tone was healthy and included many questions and good positive feedback. He stated that Moreland Hills does not have a history of complaints or issues but can always improve and we welcome feedback and input from residents. The mayor commended the chief and Lt. Dietzel for how they handled the

meeting. Councilman Spencer added that he had read the policies that were discussed at the meeting and was very pleased with the thoroughness and the proactive nature of the department for having such policies in place well in advance of the recent national discussion regarding policing. Additionally, Chief Wyant affirmed that our policies are in line with the Office of the Attorney General of the State of Ohio.

Village Engineer Updates

- 1) 2020 Road Program – The program has been delayed due to the rains that we have been having. Barbicas Paving is catching up and work should be completed in July.
- 2) 2019 Drainage Program – All work is complete. There will be two additional change orders. The first is in the amount of an additional \$6475.80 for three items outside the original scope. 1. Work at Jackson and Giles was more complicated than originally expected, requiring an additional catch basin to be installed. 2. The top of some unexpected caissons had to be removed on Jackson. 3. Additional asphalt was required on Meadowhill Lane. The second change order is for a deduction of \$2688.10 to reconcile the contract. All in all the program came in \$6987 over the original estimate.
- 3) 2020 Culvert and Drainage Program – The videos are complete. There should be a proposal ready by the August meeting.
- 4) Pavement marking program – Four contractors received the bid package. There was only one response from JD Striping for \$19,343.15. We will be receiving \$9000 from the County to help with this cost.

Service Dept. Updates

- 1) Drainage – The Department has nearly completed the restoration of ditching areas. They are working on culverts. The village has received several calls from residents for culvert replacements. Mr. DeWater is working on quotes for residents. Residents are required to pay for the materials. These replacements should be completed in the next four weeks or so.
- 2) Vehicle Repairs/Equipment – Mechanic has begun looking over the snow removal equipment. So far no repairs have been identified. Overall this month there were no major repairs, which is good for the budget. Vehicles are presently in use every day and tend to run better when regularly used.
- 3) Rubbish/Recycle: County Disposal Consortium – The County received back the bids. They are analyzing them now and will make a recommendation to us

soon. Solid waste costs are not expected to rise much, but there will likely be a processing fee for recycling. It was noted by the Mayor that Moreland Hills recycles 26% of its waste, top in the area.

- 4) 2021 ODOT Salt Bid Results – The bids came back. The business will be awarded to Compass Minerals out of Kansas at a price of \$50.20 per ton, a reduction from what we paid last year by approximately \$14 per ton. We have purchased from Compass in the past, and their service was good.

MISC: It was noted by Mayor Fritz that the Service Department is back working in their garage building, and they continue to practice safe practices and social distancing.

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 showed the signage in place presently as well as recommendations for additional signage. The pattern is mirrored coming from each direction. The first sign reads “Stop Ahead.” The 2nd sign reads “One Lane Road Ahead.” Signs three and four are together – the regular stop sign and one which reads, “Please Alternate with Oncoming Traffic.” The current white stop bars would be refreshed with this year’s striping program, and a white channelizing line would be added. Mr. Halladay commented that he thought the steps the Village was taking are reasonable, though he did say that he continues to see trucks driving through. Chief Wyant confirmed that the department does regularly patrol the area and would continue to do so. Following a thorough discussion, Councilman Spencer made a motion for the committee to approve the recommendation by Mr. Filarsky seconded by Mr. DeWater. The motion was approved unanimously.
- 2) Giles Road Discussion –Mr. Meyeroff resident at 42615 Giles Road and Ms. Pfarr resident at 4285 Giles Rd. were both present at the for the meeting. As noted in prior committee meetings, the issue of the vehicles coming to the end of Giles Road and not having an option of turning around other than Mr. Meyeroff’s driveway continues to be an issue. Also noted at prior meetings, Ms. Pfarr’s apron to her driveway is too narrow to allow a firetruck access to the house in case of emergency. Mr. Filarsky proposed potential solutions to both situations. With respect to the Myeroff residence, he showed the committee a diagram depicting an 80-foot cul-de-sac turnaround that could be constructed at one of two different locations along the road as well as a

smaller area allowing for a three-point turn. The cul-de-sacs would require easements. After discussion, none of these solutions was preferred by the committee nor Mr. Myeroff. It was decided that the sign indicating not a through street near Chagrin Blvd. would be moved further down Giles for now to see if that results in fewer turnarounds. The other solutions would be tabled. With respect to the Pfarr residence, Mr. Filarsky proposed extending the culvert pipe by 15 feet and widening the apron to the driveway at no cost to the resident. After consulting with the fire department, it was determined that would solve the problem. Ms. Pfarr expressed support for this option and the recommendation was approved.

Adjournment: 9:08am

Next Meeting: July 28, 2020 @ 8:00 a.m.