

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

March 1, 2021 –

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zachary Gallagher, Chris Colvin, Troy Lauffer

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Brian Blankenship, Joette Dedden, Earl Isaacs, Linda Keifer, David Nation

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

1. Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Three members were present.
3. Mr. Colvin made a motion to approve minutes of the February 1, 2021 meeting as written and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

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4. At this time, Mr. Gallagher asked the guests if there was anything they wanted addressed at tonight's meeting. Mr. Nation, residing in Victoria Place, stated that he was disappointed in the lack of snow plowing of the streets within the Victoria Place subdivision during last week's snowstorms. He stated that it appeared that the plow had only come down once or twice during the snow fall. Ms. Keifer added that she had to use four-wheel drive to make it up the hill to get out of the subdivision. Chief Copeland indicated this was addressed on page two of his Council report. Chief Copeland said due to the storms out west, there was a shortage of salt and unfortunately the Village only had enough to salt the hills on major thoroughfares in the Village and not neighborhood streets. He also added that Victoria Place had been plowed several times, including by himself. The street department was working around the clock and several police officers pitched in to help plow the roads. This was an unusual storm with snow followed by ice and then more snow, which just compressed the snow and froze over. Victoria place is not a heavily traveled street, so without the traffic to help melt the snow and break up the ice, it was very hard to scrape the ice. Ms. Keifer said she understood that it was an unusual amount of snow and ice but felt the road was still bad three days after the storms subsided. Chief Copeland stated that there is an order for 100 ton of salt pending. Mr. Gallagher thanked Mr. Nation and Ms. Keifer for their input and suggested that somehow the public be better informed of situations such as this. Chief Copeland felt the staff did a great job and this was just unusual circumstances. Ms. Keifer and Mr. Nation stated that the purpose of them voicing their concerns was to make them aware of the issue. Mr. Nation appreciated the explanation and wanted to ensure this was not the norm.
5. Chief Copeland went over projects going on throughout the Village.
  - a. Old leaf truck, 1991 F-450, has been placed on Govdeals.com and the bids are up to \$2,000. The auction ends March 4 at 6:00PM. He would like to see this money used to

fence the frontage of the maintenance area with a 132-foot chain link fence. There have been lots of people dumping in the back without permission. This will help secure Village property from theft and vandalism. The Committee agreed that this would be a good way to utilize the funds from the sale of the truck and to secure the property.

- b. Well 7 is offline and currently out of service. The motor has burnt up. Besides replacing the motor and cleaning the well, possibly looking to increase the size of the wire and replace the soft starts with a VFD (Variable Frequency Drive). VFD will increase the bid by about 5K but will preserve the life of the motor. Getting a quote from Layne and Boone, with rough estimates about 25K – 35K to clean, replace motor, and VFD. Well 7 is a very important well. Chief Copeland stated that Public Works may want to consider as a future capital improvement project going from a water pumping station to a water plant. This would include a standpipe tower that would help store backup water and disseminate chlorine.
- c. Warren County Block Grant has been approved by the Commissioners for the full amount of 35K. Looking to start the project in May or June once the funds are received. This is to install sidewalks along Franklin from Fifth Street to Lytle/Dayton. Will start to contact the residents and contractor (Joey Niece of Ed's Concrete) to get this project underway.
- d. Ferry Tower painting and rehabilitation project opened the bids, and they came in between 165K to 271K. The Village had planned for 300K to 350K. Choice One is now reviewing the bids. The plan is to have an ordinance for Council at the next meeting to accept Choice One's recommended bid. Mr. Gallagher wanted to ensure the bids included not just painting but fixing and repairing the tower. Chief Copeland stated that this was all included in the scope of the work and they are ensuring the bids cover all scopes of the work. Once they have reviewed the bids, Choice One will provide the Village with a recommendation letter.
- e. Provided a map for an access easement to the Village's property behind Bowman Park between the Mill Race and Miami Valley River. The map shows an access easement off Corwin Road. Therefore, no bridge will be needed to access this property. This property will most likely be the site of the next well as water seems to be cleaner closer to the Mill Race.
- f. The filling in of the property at 42 and 73 is being reviewed by Choice One.
- g. Water distribution center should be completed by the end of March.
- h. Still waiting to see if the Village is selected for the Small Business Grant for Phase IV project, Third Street water line replacement and resurfacing project.

6. Mr. Colvin made a motion to adjourn at 6:53 PM and all were in favor.

Jamie Morley  
Clerk to Council