

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

November 1, 2021 –

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Colvin, Zachary Gallagher, Troy Lauffer

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette Dedden, Earl Isaacs

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. Lauffer made a motion to accept the October 4th, 2021 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Gallagher.

3 Yeas

4. At this time, Chief Copeland went over new and ongoing projects:
 - a. Water Department repaired a service line in house on Fourth Street.
 - b. The drainage project behind Pat's Gas has been started. A dam will be built up to catch and direct more water in the larger catch basin.
 - c. Walt Biggs has begun replacing catch basins.
 - d. Dug Rite will soon begin the Franklin Sidewalk Project. Had to provide paperwork for prevailing wage which increased the price by 10K, but the County Commissioners agreed to cover the increase.
 - e. Want to discuss replacing the streetlights along Main Street with higher poles and LEDS.
 - f. Would also like to get the Committee's opinion on micro sealing part of the streets next year. This uses a blend of asphalt and fibers and is supposed to expand with the weather. It is about a 1/3 of the cost of a full mill and fill and will last at least 10 years. This option is good for roads that have a lot of cracks but not very many potholes, so would not be a good option for Wilkerson. The texture is a little different as it is rougher but should settle as the road is used. The Township just had it done on Thomas Drive. Asking Council to check out Thomas Drive for their opinion on using this option on a couple of Village streets next year.
 - g. Would like to get an electronic message board in front of the Government Center for better communication with the public. Maineville, Springboro, Hamilton Township, Morrow all have them. It is a great way to communicate with the public on events like trick or treat, meetings, office closures, boil advisories, street closures. To do a sign like the school has will run about 28K and this would match the brick of the Government Center. A similar sign such as Morrow's with just a metal stand will cost about 23K. Mrs. Miller asked where the money would come from? Chief Copeland stated that he believes it would come from the general fund. He suggested using the money received from the sale of property at the back of 1400 Lytle could be used for this project. Mr. Lauffer stated that he likes the idea but would like to see where the money will come from. The Committee asked Chief Copeland to meet with companies and get designs and price quotes.
 - h. Mr. Colvin asked about the status of the new web site. Legend Web Works is updating their software and once that is finished, the new web site will be rolled out.

5. Streetlights on Main Street:

- a. Nathan from PCI provided a catalog of lamppost options. Chief Copeland suggested that the new poles have the requirement to be taller than the current 12', have utility outlet, and LED. The taller poles are needed because delivery trucks hit the flags sometimes. Chief Copeland suggested that the color stays green as the street signs are currently green. Nathan provided a very basic quote to get a rough idea of what the project will cost. The quote included a dome light, 14' pole, outlet, brackets for a flag, flower basket arm for \$3,600 each. There are 46 poles.
- b. Mr. Gallagher stated that before the Committee starts discussing the design of the poles, he would like to consider specific requirements. He agreed that an outlet is needed but wondered if a higher voltage of 90 watts should be installed to support festivals and food trucks. The question of how to bill for this and the cost would be too great. The project is already at about 165K. Mr. Gallagher also would like to consider the cost and durability of aluminum versus cast iron.
- c. Mr. Colvin stated that the replacement of the streetlights on Main St needs to be addressed soon. It is not just for the aesthetics, but the current lights are not in good shape. The Village needs to consider the hazard and liability of the lights, they are deteriorating.
- d. At this time the Committee discussed getting input from merchants, WMA, or the Chamber and to see if they would like to contribute to the project. The merchants purchased the lampposts in the past.
- e. Ms. Dedden stated she looked over the options in the catalog and wanted to know the cost difference between ordering the base and pole as one piece or ordering a separate base and pole.
- f. Mrs. Miller suggested creating a small committee to narrow down to 3 to 5 options. Mr. Lauffer liked the idea of getting it down to 3-5 options and suggested having the public vote for the winner. Mrs. Miller suggested that the Public Works Committee make a list of requirements like power outlets, LED, arm or dome, cast iron or aluminum.
- g. Mr. Colvin stated he is opposed to getting the public involved because he feels this could be a polarizing topic. He stated that MOMS should be involved as the purpose is to maintain old main street and feels strongly that this would be a great way to get the merchants, Chamber and Village all engaged in choosing the new lampposts.
- h. Mr. Gallagher stated that the Public Works Committee should decide the basic requirements such as aluminum verses cast iron, and which would be the most durable, requirements of the outlet and what electrical capability, and the lights must be LED.
- i. It was agreed that a collaborative of the Village, merchants, and Chamber would be ideal. Mr. Colvin stated that this is the purpose of MOMS. Hopefully, by including these entities, they will agree to help fund the project. There are 2 members of Council on MOMS, Ms. Dedden and Mr. Lauffer.
- j. It was decided that Public Works will suggest at the Council Meeting tonight to recommend to send the selection of new lampposts along Main Street to MOMS.

6. All were in favor to adjourn at 6:57 PM

Jamie Morley
Clerk to Council