

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

December 6, 2021 –

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chris Colvin, Zachary Gallagher, Troy Lauffer

GUESTS PRESENT: Connie Miller, Joette Dedden, Earl Isaacs, Brian Blankenship

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 accept the November 1, 2021 minutes and was seconded by Mr. Lauffer.

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4. At this time, Chief Copeland went over new and ongoing projects:
 - a. Sidewalks along Franklin have been started. Residents are very happy to have sidewalks along Franklin. There is a small section that was not brushed near Fourth Street that will need to be redone.
 - b. Walt Biggs completed the replacement of storm drains. There was an additional repair of a collapsed storm sewer pipe across Miami by the Post Office for 17K. The storm drain behinds Pat's Gas is flowing great with no flooding. The Street Department also did an inhouse repair on a storm drain on North Street.
 - c. Old Leaf Vacuum sold for \$1750.
 - d. Received traffic study from Choice One on Route 42 and North Street. The original study missed several traffic crashes, and the graphs will need to be updated to include all the traffic crashes. Once this is received, Chief Copeland will take the study to Scott Lipps and arrange a meeting with ODOT.
 - e. Lights to illuminate the flags at night in front of the Government Building have been repaired and are now working great.
 - f. Will be getting quotes to microfiber one or two streets throughout the Village. Mr. Gallagher asked if there is a list of other streets in the township that have used this process to see how it holds up over the years. Mr. Colvin asked how the durability of microfiber compares to mill and fill versus the cost. Chief Copeland stated that the standard is 20 years for mill and fill and 10 years for microfiber. Microfiber is about 1/3 the cost. The Village has repaved 12 roads in three years. At this rate, it would be possible to mill and fill all the roads. The Committee still wants to consider the option of microfiber and suggested Wilkerson Lane as a street to try it out. Mr. Gallagher suggested revisiting this after winter to see how Thomas Drive holds up after being plowed. Ms. Dedden stated that the Finance Committee appropriated 250K towards repaving streets for 2022. Chief Copeland said that Franklin, Third, and Fourth Streets will be repaved as part of the OPWC Grant.
 - g. The Committee discussed repaving Marvin's Lane by the grocery store. Chief Copeland suggested if this were to be repaved to change the one-way direction by the laundromat and Apple Plumbing to an entrance rather than an exit. Currently there are three exits and only one entrance to this area. This would make two ins and two outs.

- h. Mr. Colvin asked how many more catch basins still need to be replaced. Chief Copeland responded that the new school and fire department created a lot more surface water and all the water going downhill beats the basins up. This will most likely always be an ongoing project.
 - i. Chief Copeland said that Mr. Hoffman is moving forward with his plans to fill in the property at the corner of Route 42 and 73. A study has been submitted on the impact of filling in this land. It stated the impact would be minimal on the water table as the current flood plains are so large. FEMA has granted approval to move this portion out of the flood plains. Chief Copeland stressed the importance of getting Well 10 underway and ensure the wellhead is built up to stay above the flood waters. At this point, Mr. Hoffman will need to submit engineering plans to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission and then Waynesville Planning Commission.
- 5. At this time, Chief Copeland brought up the topic of getting an electronic sign in front of the Government Building. The sign would match the stone and coloring of the building. Chief Copeland outlined plans on funding for the project. There is 14K of CARES Act money that needs to be spent by December 31, 2021 and can be spent on this project. The sign would be a great way to communicate with the public on meetings, boil advisories, building closures, etc. The sign will be used to communicate water issues. Therefore, a portion of funds can be used from the water fund to help pay for the sign; the remaining balance would come out of the general fund. Chief Copeland stated he received three quotes and they all came in between 42K-47K. Chief Copeland stated Council has asked for ways to better communicate with the public and feels between the sign and new website, residents will be better informed. Mrs. Miller expressed her concerns on the cost of the sign and does not feel the value outweighs the cost. She does not think that spending an additional 30K just to use the 14K of the American Cares Act money is good business and does not think the sign is needed. Mr. Gallagher stated he did reach out to the public and the consensus was they liked the sign but wanted to ensure the message is concise and big. He further stated that he likes the idea of a sign and feels this would be a great way to communicate with residents who do not use the internet and social media. Mr. Colvin said he could see the benefits of the sign and felt better with the cost being distributed between the three funds. Mr. Lauffer concurred with Mr. Gallagher and Mr. Colvin's statements. Mr. Blankenship stated he was in favor of the sign, but he wonders if the benefit outweighs the cost. Ms. Dedden said she appreciates all the input and agrees that the script needs to be big to serve the purpose because people travel fast on this portion of Lytle Road. Originally, she was not in favor of the sign, because she did not see the benefit but after hearing input from others, she is willing to reconsider. Furthermore, she likes that the taxpayers are only paying 15K for the sign. Mr. Isaacs stated that Council only raised the income tax .25%, when legally they could have imposed a whole 1%. He further elaborated that communication is very important with the residents and is in favor of the sign.
- 6. All were in favor to adjourn at 7:00 PM

Jamie Morley
Clerk to Council