

Service Committee Minutes
June 4th, 2019

Councilman Scott Weaver called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Members present: Councilman Scott Weaver, Councilman Paula Tubalkain and Councilman Bob Gaglione

Others present: Mayor Linda Clark, Village Administrator; John E. Trew, Administrative Assistant; Chelsea Gregor

Pledge of Allegiance

- ❖ Motion to accept the May 7th Service Committee meeting minutes by Paula Tubalkain , 2nd by Bob Gaglione-All Ayes

Citizens-None

Village Administrator's Report

John attended the Technical Advisory Committee meeting in Akron on May 9th. He met with Portage County Water Resources on May 17th to continue to work out the details for the water and wastewater plants, and again on May 24th. Scott asked how the talks are going and John said that they are going to a meeting in Beaverdam, OH for an opportunity for joint funding with the County. The additional funding would help residents with the rates. John is optimistic but would like the process to go quicker. Paula asked if the County plants and water distribution were up to date and John said that they are not, but that grants will help give assistance so that the Village residents don't end up paying too much for Village upgrades. John said that as more money is spent to update, the rates will go up, but not higher than what is in the codified ordinance. There is a chance that the rates could go down if grants are received. Paula asked about water and sewer rates and John stated that the County already has their rates mapped out for the next 20 years. The Mayor informed Paula that there will be information of what has been talked about for Council as soon as she gets approval from Gene Roberts.

The Service Dept. will be asphaltting a few areas around the Village. They will have to borrow a roller from Mantua Township.

Paula asked about banners that were on Main St. from the DMRC and John said that he would check. John spoke about the curb at Hawkins property and said that Roger is requesting the curb be extended up to his neighboring lot. John has been receiving quotes, including one at \$8,900 which would include flagging since it is a dangerous location. John said that a swale is more financially acceptable and that was what used to be there.

Review of Legislation- None

New Business

The DMRC will water and feed the bridge hanging baskets on the weekends and the Service Dept. will water the baskets during the week when they water the street hanging baskets. The Service Committee discussed talking to Urban Growers about baskets to replace the current ones on the bridge. They also discussed finding a better way to hang the bridge baskets. The current baskets require 2 gallons per basket and are so heavy that they are planted while the baskets are attached on the bridge.

Storm water has been put on hold until negotiations are finished with the County regarding the water and wastewater plants.

John will talk to Rhonda Pikus again regarding her drainage on W. Prospect St. There are elevation issues and John will have an engineer explain to her what can be done to alleviate the problem. Rhonda brought a petition to Council requesting the storm sewer and paving project on W. Prospect St. be finished, which was also signed by a Councilmember who is a W. Prospect St. resident. There has been a drainage issue on the north side of the park near the baseball field and Lamplighter apartments. The Village needs to make sure it is not Lamplighters responsibility before any it proceeds with any drainage work.

Old Business

Asset Management is put on hold while the Village and the County discuss the water and wastewater plant transition. The EPA is aware of the situation.

The Service Committee discussed the swale at Hawkins residence on W. High St. and they all agree that a swale should be put in versus a curb as previously discussed. A possible issue that could arise with a swale is the velocity of water heading down W. High St. and across W. Prospect St. if there is a hard rain.

Lt. Justus informed the Service Committee that the Village does not have many 25 mph signs. The Service Committee agreed to post 4 signs at each main entrance to the Village that reads "25 mph unless otherwise posted". There has also been an issue with signs being stolen and discussed how to handle the problem which included getting vandal proof bolts and a possible deer camera.

Dan Stern has donated a refrigerator and stove to the Service Dept. Dave Akerley told the Mayor that Dan would also like to donate two furnaces for the Service garage, one for the shop and one for the office. The Service Committee agreed to make a motion at Council for their approval and to pick a specific furnace that is vented properly.

Service then discussed removing the speed limit signs and Dan Sterns from the agenda, and all New Business would go to Old Business on the agenda.

Anything else that may properly come before this committee

The Mayor stated that there is a lude drawing under pavilion 1 that the Service crew will clean up. Paula asked about the dog park and the Mayor said that she is checking into funding. The Village already has fencing quotes and has researched the type of fence to use. Paula mentioned that there is a type of fungus that is killing Blue Spruce trees and that there is a possibility that it may affect the Blue Spruce tree in the mini park. She also suggested thinking about public signage at the mini park. Paula said that some people are under the impression that the mini park is associated with the coffee shop next door and they are hesitant to enjoy the mini park without buying anything from the shop. The Service committee discussed the idea of a park sign but decided on no signage at this point.

Adjournment

- ❖ Motion to adjourn at 6:58 pm was made by Bob Gaglione, 2nd by Paula Tubalkain - All Ayes

Committee Chair Scott Weaver

Administrative Assistant Chelsea Gregor