



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, March 1, 2022 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Ben Lee called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for March 1, 2022 to order at 5:06 pm

Members Present - Ben Lee, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block (absent at roll call, arrived at 5:08 pm)

Absent - None

Staff present - Mayor Dutcher, Jack Liggett, Chief Haroon, Dana Steffan, Bailey Morlan, Teresa Monroe.

Public present – None

2. Action on Minutes

a. February 1, 2022

ACTION: Doug Lehner moved to accept the minutes as written; Benjamin Lee seconded and both were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

3. E Jersey Street Project - OPWC Update

Jack Liggett updated that after three years, the East Jersey Street project was a selected Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) project. The gas company has been working there the last month lowering gas lines; this will be a full road reclamation project. Hoping to have out to bid in April with a first part of July start date as the money for OPWC is not available until the first part of July. The plan is to complete sidewalk on each side, curb and gutter and paving by the end of September.

Jack said that Edward's Road is out to bid. Bid opening is March 21st at 6:30 pm in the township building. Added note that he is worried about the expense of raw materials driving up the cost.

4. Licking County Humane Society 2021 Report

a. 2021 Humane Agent Stats

Report was attached showing 2021 activity; number of calls much lower than in 2020. Chief Haroon said he will help with public awareness of the program.

5. Pulte traffic signal - Rte 62/Alterra Access Road

Pulte homes has a requirement to put in a traffic light at US62 and Bigelow Drive. Questions have arisen on what it would take to route the Pulte development traffic out at the Wendy's light; how wide the road would need to be, how much ground would need to be taken from Alterra, type of base needed etc. Jack Liggett said if the city is the one that wants something other than the required light at Bigelow Drive, the investigation of those questions is on us, not Pulte. Prime Engineering has given an estimate of \$8,000 for them to do the study to see what would be needed to make that an actual driving lane; Jack asks for permission to proceed. Prime quote provided for review; money to come out of General engineering under General fund.

ACTION:	Doug Lehner moved that they take the \$8678.00 quote from Prime to look at Alterra Drive and move forward with engineering; Benjamin Lee seconded and all were in favor.
AYES:	Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Passed 3 - 0

Discussion on traffic patterns and illegal left turning from US62 onto Bigelow Drive. Mr. Lee asked if council had moved on from wanting to require any kind of financial performance bond for these upgrades; Mr. Liggett said he thought they would wait until they got the number from Prime. Mr. Liggett added that Pulte was still under a moratorium of four houses per month so they still had some time.

6. Mobility Hub - Etch Status

Etch met with Licking County Transit, they have vehicles and drivers for the test case and are close to being ready to test the app and begin working out any kinks. The money for the Etch work is being paid by LCATS.

Mayor Dutcher said he will meet with Darlene Mangold tomorrow to discuss how to include and update the other municipalities in Licking County who are a part of the original hub proposal. Mayor Dutcher noted that INTEL owns a bus company which makes self-driving vehicles.

7. HB 494 Letter - School Zones

Ben Lee drafted a letter to Representative Fraizer in support of House Bill 494 and having the ability to expand a school adjacent zone, specifically thinking about Leafy Dell and being able to have a designated school zone on Route 37, committee reviewed and is in favor of sending the letter to Rep Fraizer.

Mayor Dutcher added that Rep Fraizer would be visiting Johnstown to tour the sites we are

asking him to put into the State Capital Budget, locations for the splash pad and an amphitheater.

Discussion on the muddy conditions at the Dog Park and the need for better drainage and gravel or mulch.

8. HB 563 Introduction - Air BnB restrictions

Mr. Lee said this bill has to do with limiting municipal ability to regulate Airbnb's and short-term rentals and believes this is an infringement on home-rule; thinks the bill is only at the introduction stage right now.

9. City Lighting Upgrade - Jack

City Service Department is replacing fixtures as ballasts go out.

Mayor Dutcher said someone is replacing the longer light arms with shorter ones and he is not sure that gives the same light; examples given on Edwards Road and on Oregon Street by the substation. Added there were no light fixtures at all on a section of Maple Street. Bailey Morlan was asked to contact Prime Engineer about adding lighting to the plans for the splashpad and amphitheater projects. Chief Haroon was asked to provide a revised list of outages.

10. Crosswalk Demonstration Project - Bailey

The committee was in favor of using this tool to collect data; Bailey Morlan will ask LCATS when we can get on their schedule. Study will be done on the downtown crosswalks; Bailey noted the potential for additional study where the bike path crosses Concord Road.

11. Other Business

1. Street sealing; Jack Liggett said council previously granted sealing priorities 1,2,3 but with the inflation of oil prices, the project cost has increased by almost \$100,000. Mr. Liggett asked the committee to decide on whether to trim back the project and stick with the roads that can be done with the allotted \$189,000 or go ahead with the original plan at the increased price. After discussion, there was decision to lock in the paired down list of streets that can be done to stay within the \$189,000 and revisit the numbers in Finance Committee in two weeks.

12. Adjourn

Mr. Lee moved to adjourn, Mr. Lehner seconded and all were in favor. Motion carried 3-0 Meeting adjourned at 6:14 pm.