



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, August 4, 2020 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Chairman Lee called the meeting to order for August 4, 2020 at 5:03 PM.

Members Present - Ben Lee, Doug Lehner, Marvin Block arrived after roll call at 5:40 pm
Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Jack Liggett, Chief Haroon, Bailey Klimchak, Mayor Dutcher, Carol Van Deest, Cheryl Robertson, Teresa Monroe. Joined during - Doug Lehner, Marvin Block, Sharon Hendren

Public present - Ashley Fultz (Leafy Dell resident)

2. Action on Minutes

a. July 7, 2020

ACTION: Benjamin Lee moved to Approve the minutes as written; Doug Lehner seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 2 - 0

3. Construction Project Updates - Jim/Jack

Jack Liggett updated projects as follows:

1. Westview project; went out for bid today and the hope is to coincide with the completion of the gas company, should be done with bidding by the eighteenth and after council accepts the bid work can start.
2. South Oregon project; the gas company is lowering main and service lines on South Main Street, plan to bid out in January or February to have an early spring start.
3. Well field project (at JYAA); currently in phase two which consists of drilling two new monitoring wells and capping and burying three existing non-usable monitoring wells. As soon as phase two is done, phase three will be the pump test to see what exactly we can get out of the aquifer adjacent to the water plant.
4. Enterprise Center project has been awarded, working to schedule project start meeting on running the sewer line, one easement left to get.
5. Route 62 project; curbs are in and paving began today, easily on schedule to be done by September 4th.

6. Valleyview sewer lining; in phase one of two, bid came in approximately twenty thousand dollars under estimate, waiting to sign contracts. Phase two is the relief sewer which will take sewer down to wastewater plant quicker, is designed and staff working on easements. May be able to get less expensive funding as low as .17 percent, may delay bidding until December to secure funding at the lower interest rate.

7. Salt temple; got the building on a pre-bid procurement, balance of project is lower than fifty thousand dollars so working to get numbers from independent contractors. The new salt truck should be outfitted and ready by the end of September.

4. Village Assistant Prosecutor - Chief Haroon

a. Mayor's Court Report

Chief Haroon provided a summary of his report reviewing the processes of Johnstown Mayor's Court. In the end it is Chief Haroon's recommendation to move away from the current Prosecutor and obtain the services of a new one for legitimacy reasons discussed in the report. Chief Haroon said he also believes that Mayor's Court should not be under his management as it is a conflict of interest and should be under the Village Manager in a separate branch of government. Mr. Lee said that makes sense to him and would need to be an adoption of Council; there was follow up discussion on Police Department structure and procedures as well as the addition of a Detective.

ACTION: Mr. Lee moved to go forward with Chief's recommendation with respect to moving the work structure of Mayor's Court under Jim (Lenner) and the administration side away from the Police Department as well as reassigning a new prosecutor for the balance of the year and then moving forward with the fundamental changes outlined in the report; Mr. Lehner seconded and the vote was as follows:

AYES: Lee, Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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5. Updated Speed Studies - Chief Haroon

Discussion moved up on the agenda for the benefit of a resident in attendance for this topic.

a. Stonehedge Row Drive

Chief Haroon presented results of the Stonehedge Row Drive speed study. A member of the public present said she lives on Parkdale and has had concerns on speed in the area for a while and asked Chief Haroon what his plan would be to decrease the speed in the neighborhood. Chief said his conclusion at the end the study showed it will be a target enforcement area and officers will be using hand held radar to enforce speed limits. Mr. Lehner said the speed down Leafy Dell Road should also be a target of enforcement.

Chief Haroon said he would like to do another study after heavy target enforcement to see if it lowers the numbers.

6. Disorderly Conduct Enforcement - Enacted July 2nd (See Chief opinion report under item 6a)
Mr. Lee asked if the Ordinance had been of any use since its inception at the beginning of the month; Chief reported that a couple residents have come in and talked to him about their loud vehicles but thus far no problems with enforcement and no a lot of complaints.
7. False Alarm Ordinance - Continue to explore or table
 - a. Chief of Police opinion report
Chief Haroon's report sent with the packet showed an average of eleven false alarm calls per month; recommendation that a false alarm ordinance not be adopted at this time. There was no objection from the committee.
8. Sidewalk Replacement Program
Moved discussion to next month.
9. Lighting Needs in Village - Chief Haroon
Report information provided by Sgt. Smart.
 - a. Outages
Chief Haroon provided a report detailing light outage locations; will be passed along to the Service Department and AEP.
 - b. Obscure Areas
Chief Haroon provided a report listing locations throughout town with dark areas, security could be improved with additional light poles in certain areas. Discussion on previous conversations with AEP and their billing practices with regard to several lights in town that have been out for an extended period of time without being repaired. Jack Liggett said he would get in touch with the AEP representative and then get back to Council with costs and ability to prioritize certain areas. Mr. Lehner asked if the village was able to maintain street lights, Mr. Liggett said the contracts are widely varied but generally speaking said they will change the light bulbs and traffic lights as they go out, can maintenance simple ballasts unless the poles belong to AEP; if past the ballast, they call an electrician. Noted that the Service Director has been working with the AEP representative on the outage repairs. Mr. Lehner offered some insight on process of the City of Columbus and the potential of joining AMP Ohio for training as well as complex repairs.
10. "NO TURN ON RED" sign on Rt 62/Main St
Mr. Lehner noted this sign currently hangs on the same arm as the stop light, there was discussion on relocation for better visibility. Also discussion on duplication of lane signs at the intersection as well as the speed limit signs on US62 between Oregon Street and SR37 and the different speed limits relative to direction of travel. Chief Haroon said he did not feel the "No Turn on Red" sign was properly posted and that the ideal location for it would be just to the right of the traffic signal. Mr. Lenner said some time in September ODOT will re stripe the intersection.
11. Other Business
No further business at this time.

12. Adjourn

ACTION: Doug Lehner moved to adjourn; Marvin Block seconded and all were in favor:

AYES: 3

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

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The meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.