



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, August 5, 2025 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Committee Chair Ryan Green called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for August 5, 2025 to order at 5:05 pm

Members Present - Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
Absent - None

Staff present - Sean Stanearth, Don Barnard, Tiffany Hollis, Dave Delande, Jack Liggett, Rusty Smart, Trevor Traphagen, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - Kyle Messaros and Gaurav Kashyap with American Structure Point, Bill Lozier - Licking County TID

2. Other Business

1. Jack Liggett said the Cole Drive street sign is very different and unlike the rest of the signs in Leafy Dell. He also drove over by the condos and their street sign is also not the same, Jack said both of those are private drives. The apartments at Cole Drive want a new sign and are asking the city to supply it, or they ask if they can get their own sign and are there any restrictions. Jack asks if since they are private drives can they do what they want, he is looking for direction. He said the next thing he was going to bring up, is should the city have a uniform sign code for new developments or as we change out old signs or is ok for each development to have its own signs. When the developments are turned over to the city, it makes it hard to find particular signs. Jack said his main question tonight is how do we want to handle the private drive signs, because we are getting requests to replace them or, they want to replace the signs themselves, does it have to meet what is in the development or can they put up what they want. Some research is needed, Jack asked that committee get back to him.

2. Jack Liggett said he got the proposal for the micro sealing on Concord Crossing and Buena Vista, Strawser said it is too late in the season to start, they are booked out, but if we sign the proposal for \$131,500 and send it back, this will lock in this year's price for next year. The money is in 2025 budget, committee in favor of the manager signing the proposal.

3. Jack Liggett said he met with Bowen, the general contractor for the new water plant, their main representative reached out and said this is the time of year they look at doing something positive for the communities they are working in and would spend up to \$10,000 to \$12,000 on a project that has impact on the community. Jack said the youth league was wanting an approach, it is not in the city, but the youth league also has two acres that we need for the sewer plant expansion coming in the near future. Sean Stanearth said that the city and JYAA are currently working on a path forward for that property to be transitioned to the city, there is obviously a financial component to that but then there is also a conversation about the triangle piece of property at the water plant, they seem to be generally agreeable to taking just that piece. Jack noted that there was a large storm sewer that drains Rolling Meadows underneath that piece.

4. Chief Smart said that he has backgrounds coming through, he has panel interviews occurring this Friday and next Friday.

3. Action on Minutes

- a. June 3, 2025
No action taken.

4. Presentation from American Structure Point - 62/37 intersection engineering study

Sean Stanearth said tonight we have American Structure Point and Bill Lozier representing the TID (Transportation Improvement District). As most are aware, over the last couple years, the TID has been awarded some funding through the State of Ohio, ninety million dollars and the US62/37 intersection was a part of these allocated funds. Mr. Lozier provided an overview of regional projects and said when Intel landed, ODOT did their traffic study and their findings were that 161 needed to be widened and Mink Road interchange widened. They have since expanded the widening of 161, six lanes between here and Granville and are also looking at the Cherry Street interchange in Granville. When ODOT did their study, they showed all the traffic was coming from Columbus. The TID did their own traffic study and where ODOT's study showed basically zero increases in traffic from some directions, they showed significant increase, not huge, no need for multi-lane highways, but enough traffic that they justified pavement reconstruction. Mr. Lozier reviewed locations where improvements and roundabouts are going in; 37/County Line Road, County Line Road/Edwards/Duncan Plains/Center Village (5 points), County Line/Fancher, 605/Walnut. Mr. Lozier said that when Intel landed and ODOT came with their big improvements, the TID took on the role to be the voice of the local communities for the county and township roads. They knew that Johnstown could potentially get run over with a lot more traffic, they hired American Structure Point to look at three things, short, medium and long-term solutions for the US62/37 intersection, this study was done for Johnstown to have the best information possible.

Kyle Messaros, Project Manager and Roadway Engineer, and Gaurav Kashyap, both with American Structure Point, presented on preliminary designs and construction costs for proposed solutions for the US 62/37 intersection. Mr. Messaros said one of the biggest, shocking pieces of information found was that eighty percent of the traffic in that intersection does not start or stop in Johnstown. The long-term solution would be a bypass, however they did not develop any bypasses for this presentation, they were looking at solutions that could be implemented in the next two to three years, whereas a bypass is fifty to sixty million dollars and takes years to develop. Mr. Kashyap shared details on the traffic study. Seven alternative solutions for the intersection were presented to the committee. Committee discussion and questions answered, Sean Stanearth said his recommendation is to continue reviewing the options and recommendations and come up with a preferred option.

5. Adjourn

ACTION: Ryan Green moved to adjourn; Jeff Barr seconded and all were in favor.
AYES: Ryan Green, Dave Selan, Jeff Barr
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

The meeting ended at 6:32 pm.