



Safety & Service Committee
Tuesday, May 4, 2021 - 5:00 PM
MINUTES

1. Call to Order

Committee Chair Benjamin Lee called the Safety and Service Committee meeting for May 4, 2021 to order at 5:08 pm

Members Present - Ben Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
Absent - None

Staff present - Jim Lenner, Jack Liggett, Bailey Klimchak, Deputy Chief Smart, Carol Van Deest, Teresa Monroe.

Public present - John Luke

2. Action on Minutes

a. April 6, 2021

ACTION: Doug Lehner moved to Approve; Ben Lee seconded and all were in favor
AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

3. Construction Project Updates

Jack Liggett provided updates:

- Legislation to award the US 62/Mink relief sewer on council agenda tonight.
- Paving on Westview held up by weather, still need to complete top soil and seeding behind curbs/at stops.
- Design work for Edwards Road and N. Oregon roadway improvement underway.
- Water tower property stumps removed, rain holding up soil grading.

2021 Committee Goals

1. Update security in water plant, sewer plant and service departments
2. Investigate window security and replacement for admin and council chambers
3. Install street lights where needed to improve visibility
4. Conduct crime mapping
5. Sidewalk program
6. Create dangerous street tree removal policy

- May 13 will meet with the Engineer, Hydrologist and the well driller to get resolution on the well field study report; once he has answers needed and with Council approval will then put out the RFP to start discussing the design of the next million gallon water facility.
- Prime Engineering will attend the May 18th Finance committee meeting to explain procedures to start the upgrades on the sewer facility; cost and procedures.

Mr. Lee asked what was left to do on Westview; Mr. Liggett said paving and top soil reclamation. Discussion on the sidewalk grades at some properties and engineer responsibility to get grass growing.

Mr. Lee asked if there had been any conversations on the new US 62 phase; Mr. Liggett said surveys are beginning, still in design. Some discussion on Pulte phases, lift station, traffic light requirement for Bigelow Drive; Jim Lenner said Pulte has issued a letter of commitment, they are waiting on ODOT design; not all commitments are fulfilled yet. Mr. Liggett gave an update on lift stations; Mr. Lenner said Pulte will be held to their commitments. Ms. Klimchak said the shopping center (Alterra) is willing to work with Pulte but all are waiting to see what ODOT's plans are. Mr. Lee said if we could get some intent and the parties could agree on going through Alterra's lot, that would be the best case scenario.

4. Well Field Evaluation - Committee questions

Jack Liggett updated that the Cox Colvin Hydrology Group reported that the village could get between 1.5 million and 3.4 million gallons of water per day; staff opinion is that is too big of a range, Mr. Liggett said the village paid professional money to professional people and did not get a professional answer. Engineer took the report and gave it to Eagan and Associates, another hydrologist group, Mr. Liggett said their analysis shows we can get 2 million gallons per day which is what we are looking for in the immediate future, and then there may have to be more tests to see if we can get the third and fourth million gallon per day. Mr. Liggett has a meeting with CT Engineering who is running the study, Eagan and Associates Hydrologists and the well driller on the 13th to narrow down specific answers and support for a new one million gallon water facility being built to pull water out of the three aquifers.

Mr. Block asked if the engineer working on this was under bond and expressed frustration with performance. Mr. Liggett said when this project started they were the village engineer, they are no longer the village engineer but we had certain projects that were too far along to switch so we need to let them complete their jobs; this one, the water tower, and the South Oregon job.

Mr. Lee asked about some items in the original hydrology report, noted there are too many generalities in the report. Mr. Liggett said this is why a second hydrologist reviewed it; more answers to come after the meeting on the 13th. Mr. Liggett said he strongly believes the next million gallons is there to use, it is the future beyond that for the third and fourth million when deeper aquifers would come in to play.

Mr. Lee inquired on the capacity of the aquafer and the premise of "first come first serve" access and who could drill in. Mr. Liggett said the village does not own the aquafer, anyone that drills into it can take water out of it; added later that the village controls the aquafer that sits under Johnstown and does not let personal wells be drilled in that area. Mr. Lee asked if there was any mapping available to show who is into the aquafer. Mr. Liggett said the aquafer runs from the lower portion of Croton all the way to Newark and the Licking river and for the last thirty years, since the plant was built and the well field put in, the static levels have remained the same as when they were drilled in the early 1990's. Discussion on water line expansion to Croton and Hartford Township as well as Delco Water.

5. Proposed Bike Path Parking Lot on Concord Road

This topic came out of Parks and Rec Committee, there is a proposal for a parking lot to be put in on the Township side of Concord Road at the bike path; Mr. Lee said as a frequent user of the path he understands concerns for safety at that intersection, his concerns are the blind hill and speed issues we already have at the intersection of Concord Road and the bike path, also knowing the expansion of parking at the Trailhead, he is curious on the need to have it there when it may not be the safest. Mr. Liggett asked if the parking area would be better than what is going on there now because cars parking along the road now is not safe. Park and Rec Committee Chair Carol Van Deest said this came to Park and Rec's attention through Richard Waugh, the Licking Park District Director, he is working with someone who talked about donating the land, she does not know who is paying for this but will address at the next committee meeting. Mr. Lee said he is against any parking over there and just wanted to bring it to Safety and Service Committees attention.

6. Dangerous Trees in the Village

Ben Lee asked if an assessment of dangerous trees within the village Right of Way would be a good idea. Discussion on getting an Arborist to provide an assessment; Mr. Block said the Tree Commission would add to their agenda and he will contact Dawes Arboretum.

7. Crime Mapping via CAD - Discussion

Mr. Lee said crime mapping has been a goal for Safety and Service for a few years and the incorporation of CAD is one of the pieces we have been waiting on. Deputy Chief Smart said they will be able to provide details of a mapping system, it is in the works, they will get it figured out and present to Safety Service and Council.

8. Mobility Hub Q&A - Jim

Mr. Lenner said funding was not received from Congressman Balderson's office; he is meeting with him on Thursday to discuss further. Council will award design of the concept hub to HDR tonight. Hopeful that a week from today, LCATS will approve the \$250,000 in design money which gives us a starting point. Met today with ODOT's office of mobility along with Drive Ohio, said there are a lot of moving parts; Mr. Lenner said he is still really excited about this, disappointed about the funding but will move on to drafting the RAISE grant application in the next two months; there is a July due date.

9. Other Business

No further business

10. Adjourn

ACTION: Marvin Block moved to Adjourn; Ben Lee seconded and all were in favor.

AYES: Benjamin Lee, Marvin Block, Doug Lehner

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Passed 3 - 0

Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm