

**OTTAWA HILLS VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**November 02, 2020 6:00 PM
Video Teleconference**

Call to Order – Mayor Gilmore

6:03 PM

Village Representatives in Attendance

Mayor Kevin Gilmore	Councilman Edward Shimborske III
Councilwoman Dana Dunbar	Councilman John Lewis
Councilman Jeff Gibbs	Councilwoman Katherine O’Connell
Councilman Rex Decker	Clerk / Treasurer Eric Shreve
Solicitor Sarah McHugh	Village Administrator John Wenzlick

Citizen Attendees

Nasrin Afjeh
Hank Silverman
Yarko Kuk
Doug Brown

Streets & Bridges – Mr. Shimborske

Mr. Shimborske reported that he recently met with our engineer, Mr. Wenzlick, representatives from the Toledo Water Department and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry, and citizen representatives from Canterbury Court and Ridgewood Road. Mr. Shimborske said the told Council that the Water Department increased their estimate of affected trees to almost 30 trees, as opposed to their initial estimate of five. The group felt it was best to do a mill and fill next year, reconstruction on the Ridgewood alley, and put a plan in place to mitigate future tree loss when reconstruction of the roads is necessary in the future. The Streets and Bridges Committee subsequently met and made a recommendation to approve the aforementioned improvements in 2021.

Mrs. Dunbar then inquired as to whether drainage would improve in areas where water puddles after a rain. Mr. Shimborske responded that a mill and fill will not remedy drainage problems since the pavement is replaced at the same grade as it previously was.

Mrs. Dunbar then asked what would happen with the current sidewalk on Ridgewood. Mr. Shimborske explained that if the sidewalk was modified in sections, the entire sidewalk would need replaced so it meets ADA standards. The Street Committee recommendation at this time is to not replace the sidewalk. Mrs. Dunbar expressed concern over the current sidewalk conditions and requested future action to address it. Mr. Shimborske noted that during discussions with residents, their desire was to keep the current sidewalk as it is.

Mr. Decker then inquired whether the resurfacing of Secor Road will include Toledo’s side, or if it was only our side. Mr. Wenzlick said that former Manger Thompson reached out to Toledo a couple of times, and Toledo did not wish to participate in the project with us. Discussion then ensued with Council as to whether only our side of the Secor Road should be resurfaced. It was determined that the Village would move forward with resurfacing of our side of Secor Road between the northern Village limits and Bancroft.

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Mr. Shimborske made a motion to approve the resurfacing of Canterbury, Ridgewood and Secor, reconstruction of the Ridgewood alley, and the repair of a section of Edgehill damaged by storm water. Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion. The motion passed five to one, with Mr. Decker voting no.

Mr. Dangler thanked the Streets Committee and Council for conducting further research and working with the citizens of Ridgewood and Canterbury. Mr. Dangler also said the sidewalk on Ridgewood is generally in good shape, with a few trouble spots. Mr. Dangler said he would like to explore the option of having residents repair portions of sidewalk in front of their home without triggering grandfathering issues with current ADA standards.

Minutes

A motion was made by Mr. Gibbs to approve the minutes from the October 05, 2020 Council meeting, and Mrs. O'Connell seconded the motion. The motion included a correction to the adjournment time in the draft minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

Finance & Future Planning – Mr. Lewis

Mr. Lewis reported that the monthly income tax numbers continue to rise, and the Village is several percent above the year-to-date projections. Mr. Lewis also told Council the Village received a clean report from the Auditor of State and expressed his appreciation for Finance Director Urbanik.

Human Resources – Mr. Gibbs

Mr. Gibbs reminded Council of the upcoming joint meeting with the Human Resources and Finance Committees.

Safety – Mrs. O'Connell

Mrs. O'Connell told Council that the Safety Committee is recommending the installation of two speed humps near the Forestview Road curve, one on each side. Mrs. O'Connell said a letter was sent to 16 area residents informing them of the intent to install speed humps. The Committee will make a motion for installation at a future meeting, so residents have time to receive the letter and provide feedback.

Mrs. O'Connell discussed police policy and training, and said the Committee has been reviewing both over the last couple of months. Mrs. O'Connell made a motion to, "reinforce the Village's commitment to placing a high value on human life, endorsing our police department's longstanding policies which limit the use of force to that which is reasonable necessary to achieve lawful objectives, including a limitation on neck restraints to only deadly and lethal force situations, and supporting the police department's continued training in use of force and deescalating tactics." Mr. Gibbs seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

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Utilities, Equipment, Buildings & Grounds – Mr. Decker

Mr. Decker told Council the Committee approved Meg Bode's Eagle Scout project to install duck boxes in the 3300 block of Brookside Road near the river.

The Committee also discussed the current fencing conditions around Joy Cemetery. The Committee is reviewing options, including the possible removal of the fencing.

The Committee reviewed a request from the Garden Club for a \$3800 donation from the Village to help offset the \$7600 they spent to improve the island at Central and Indian. Mr. Gibbs made a motion to recognize the Garden Club volunteers for their hard work and to donate \$3800 to the Garden Club. Mr. Lewis seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

Mr. Decker then addressed Dr. Hank Silverman regarding the Village's position to the strip of land located on the west side of his lot. Solicitor McHugh and Dr. Silverman began discussing the current status of the issue, and Mayor Gilmore recommended further discussion among the parties occur outside of Council when additional information is available.

Finally, Mr. Decker provided an update on White Field. Mr. Decker informed Council that a change order was approved with Geddis Paving to remedy an issue with glass in the soil, and the Committee is currently reviewing another potential soil issue that will most likely push grass seeding into 2021.

Visioning – Mrs. Dunbar

The Committee is meeting on November 12th to review OHM's draft RFQ and RFP for the possible Richards Road development.

Services & Environment – Mrs. Dunbar

The Committee met to discuss a contract renewal with Nature's Conservancy for 2021. History of the current contract was provided, and the benefits of a future contract were outlined. Mrs. Dunbar said the Committee is recommending the approval of a contract for 2021, not to exceed \$18,000.

Mrs. Dunbar also discussed improvements to the sledding hill area in the 4100 block of Brookside Road. In furtherance of the 10-year environmental plan, part of the meadow would be restored to prairie type area, possibly including walking paths. The recommendation is to include \$20,000 in 2021's budget to begin research towards the project.

Solicitor's Report

None

Manager's Report

None

Mayor's Report

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Mrs. Dunbar inquired into the progress of the walk paths between Brookside and Indian, and Manchester and Hempstead. Mr. Wenzlick informed Council that Fishbeck Engineering is working on their study and recommendations for improvement.