

Service Committee Minutes

Honorable Council
City of Newark, Ohio
March 26, 2013

There was a meeting of the Service Committee in Council Chambers following the Finance Committee, on Monday, March 25, 2013. These members were present:

Jeff Rath, Chair	Ryan Bubb
Carol Floyd, for Ed Houdeshell	Shirley Stare
Duke Frost	

We wish to report:

1. Ordinance No. 13-08 accepting the dedication to public use of additional right-of-way for Stewart St, located south of Waterworks Rd was considered.

Brian Morehead- stated this item went before the City Planning Commission and was approved by the Commission. The property at 132 Waterworks Rd was purchased by the City of Newark a couple of years ago as part of the Waterworks Rd project. As part of that project Stewart St became a dead end street so they carved out a little piece of property at 132 Waterworks Rd in order to provide a turnaround for emergency vehicles. Basically this piece of legislation dedicates the small piece that was carved out to a public right of way.

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mrs. Floyd to send to full Council.

Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

2. Resolution No. 13-35 authorizing and directing the Director of Public Service to advertise for bids and enter into contracts, subject to the appropriation of funds, for various construction projects was considered.

Brian Morehead- provided a list of the projects on a memorandum which was included in the packet Resolution No. 13-35 would be concerning and briefly stated such projects.

Mr. Rath- stated that they talked about doing the joint program with Heath and Granville on 30th and Cherry Valley; he asked if he had any additional thoughts or information on the expansion of Cherry Valley Rd from Reddington to W Main.

Brian Morehead- he answered that this is one of the streets he is considering putting on this project. He said they have \$500,000.00 they appropriated in Capital Improvements Funds earlier in the year, he said he needs to take that and start cutting it down, his must do list is around \$900,000.00.

Mr. Rath- asked if there was a time frame in which any additional storm sewer system would be going out in that neighborhood, particularly north and W Main rather than south. He stated that there are a lot of drainage issues on Cherry Valley which may be why the road is so bad.

Brian Morehead- stated Cherry Valley has its' share of issues, they are starting a design south of West Main St between 30th and 21st St to get rid of some of those problems.

Mr. Rath- said the Rath Moat still exists; now it only exists for 10-12 hours instead of 3 or 4 days, it just drains much faster. From what he understood he knew they flagged it for that neighborhood, surveyed and did the design work. He said he heard the time frame was 2 years that was last year.

Brian Morehead- said he thought they were trying to make that into a larger project but he would check with John on it.

Mr. Rath- explained he was just curious not trying to be self-serving.

Mr. Bubb- asked if on the project concerning Stonewall if they were just adding more storm piping.

Brian Morehead- basically yes. Off of Londondale there is always a drainage issue right there, it is basically some storm sewer and some of the back yard areas to bring the water down to Londondale then connect into the storm sewer that is in Londondale and basically goes into that run which goes south of Londondale.

Mr. Bubb- asked if there was a projected date the bridge on S. 2nd St would be open.

Brian Morehead- they have the grouting done, they are waiting on the water proofing which takes above 40 degrees and completely dry weather. He said they were scheduled for tomorrow but that obviously isn't going to happen. Once that is done, the railing is done all we need to do is pave it. Once the water proofing gets done he has a paving operator lined up.

Mr. Rath- asked when the water proofing is on how much time we are looking at to be open.

Brian Morehead- probably a week.

Ms. Stare- wished to comment on Beacon Rd which is in her ward; she said the issue has been addressed to her before and that it definitely needs to be taken care of.

Mr. Cost- inquired about additional information concerning the bridge on W. Church St near McDonalds. He asked if there had been any discussion on what and when anything was going to take place there.

Brian Morehead- stated they received preliminary word they were funded through the Ohio Public Works Grant application on that. He said they won't get official word until after July 1st. They are going ahead and putting their plans together and put the project out to bid in anticipation of a positive letter from them after July 1st. Second half of this year.

Mr. Rath- when that project gets under way will that facilitate a closing.

Brian Morehead- yes

Mr. Rath- said thinking ahead, when Church St is closed he would assume it will increase traffic on Cherry Valley Rd.

Brian Morehead- said probably more directly to 21st St but who knows, it will definitely move things around.

Ms. Best- asking about the railroad overpasses in the south end that were mentioned last week, she asked if the railroad overpasses were the railroads responsibility and how far down from the tracks is the responsibility of the railroad.

Brian Morehead- clarified if she was referring to the railings and concrete, those are the responsibility of the railroad, the road underneath our responsibility but the bridge structure itself is the railroads.

Ms. Best- asked the name of the railroad company.

Brian Morehead- said he believes it is CSX.

Ms. Best- asked if all the way down to the streets are their responsibilities.

Brian Morehead- yes

Mr. Rath- asked if CSX owns the railroad that utilizes the tracks or do they own the tracks.

Brian Morehead- said they own the tracks and lease the use of the tracks to Ohio Railroad.

Mr. Cost- asked where we were at on the 21st St and 30th tracks

Brian Morehead- 30th St is including in the resurfacing plan. He said he emailed the railroad this morning regarding when they were going to install their new gates and crossing paths in because ODOT wanted to know. He said they anticipate that happening soon. As far as 21st St is concerned he doesn't have it included in a project.

Motion by Mr. Bubb, second by Mr. Frost to send to full Council
Motion passed by a 5-0 vote.

Jeff Rath, Chair