

VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD
STREETS & DRAINAGE COMMITTEE MEETING
February 24, 2020

The Village of Mansfield Water Committee met at the Fire Station meeting room on Washington St. in Mansfield at 7pm. Roll was taken with Don Deffenbaugh, Ron Konen, Todd Jones and Andy Stiger present.

Jones began by talking about the Motor Fuel Tax roadwork for FY21. He had Bill Hardy look at streets for any that needed to be added to the list already compiled from last year. He mentioned Prairie Street from State to Oliver and North Washington and North Main cul-de-sacs. Overmyer said the MFT Roadwork project needs to be added to the agenda for the March meeting. He also said last year's roadwork was going to cost about \$25,000 for construction and with the addition of a couple more areas, he would guess it would be \$30,000 plus. He should have a better number at the March meeting. Jones talked of how North Street where it crosses over an open ditch needed to be widened so two vehicles could pass over it. There was discussion on how to widen it and whether the Village could do the work in-house. Overmyer said that area can be skipped if it is not complete when roadwork is done this summer. Jones said Main Street behind the Legion, from State to Oliver narrows about 4 feet. It is mostly gravel back there. He asked the committee if they should widen in and get rid of the potholes for good? Jones said it needed to be seal coated or the work would not be worth the time, but it will cost more. Before that work is done, Jones would have Hardy replace three drains back there from State to Oliver.

Regarding West Newton roadwork, Jones said the original plan was to use cement stabilization, but the Board needs to approach The Andersons to make sure they are still on board with helping fund the job. Jones asked Overmyer if there is another approach to this job instead of the stabilization? Overmyer said he used that same tactic in Vermilion County on a road where large trucks access a landfill and it served the purpose there. It will not be as smooth as people may think it should be, but it works. Overmyer said the edge needed to be dug out and replaced with fresh stone so when the cement is poured, it is over good rock. Deffenbaugh said with the kind of traffic using that road, it does not need to be smooth. Jones asked if the job could be started in the Spring since the company doing the work would have to come back a couple of weeks later to do the second half. Overmyer thought it would probably be the end of July with the way that company operates. Jones described closing the road and re-routing trucks along Newton Street during the 2 week project. Deffenbaugh was worried truckers would get used to the new route and want to keep using it. There was discussion about the township fixing that road last year up to the Village limits.

Jones handed out a project list for the coming summer that included the sidewalks listed to be replaced. Deffenbaugh said he would like to see whole blocks done at a time and not just in front of one person's house that way the whole thing was complete and not just sections. Jones and Konen agreed with this. Deffenbaugh wanted to see priority given to sidewalks that were slated to be done during the last proposed Safe Routes to Schools project. Stiger wanted to see the rest of the brick around Edwards home on North Washington taken out and filled in with dirt. There is a sidewalk on the other side of the street to use and that would leave the West side of the street with no sidewalk, which was fine with the homeowners. Stiger said some sidewalks in town stop about 5 feet short of the road and he would like these fixed too. Deffenbaugh said there were quite a few trees that needed to be trimmed back from the sidewalks. Jones also has vacuuming catch basins on his list, which he heard from Calvin Florey that Farmer City would be interested in sending one of their people here to help with that if we would send one of our people to Farmer City so they could use our oiler. The Committee thought this was a good idea. Jones said alleys needed to be rocked and Jefferson/Oliver/Washington need to have cracks filled. There is an oiler attachment for this at a cost of \$1,700. Stiger liked the price. Stiger asked about telephone poles and other items piled near the water tower. Jones said Rob Harper put it there for someone to pick up but the person changed their mind. Stiger would like to see that pile gone soon. Jessica Bartler asked about the work to be done on Liberty. Jones said gutters on Washington would also be fixed, as they are cracked/broken. There is ditch work to be done that will require the rent of a mini excavator. Deffenbaugh wanted to see painting crosswalks to be an annual item and wanted to see pricing on a road striper. Jones said staff are currently using spray paint, which is expensive. Deffenbaugh asked for the list of projects to be updated and passed out at each meeting.

Jones said North Street needs drainage work around where the road needs widened. The ditch needs dug out behind homes. He said the board talked at one time about getting easements but did not know where that went. Stiger said Attorney Rupiper was looking into contacting a drainage district in that area since the water was coming

from outside of town. Jones thought the closest drainage district was in Deland. Overmyer said the village should get easements from residents to do the work and that way it would be easy to do the work again in 10 years when it needed it again. Jones asked the committee to keep thinking about this item.

Jones said he is still working on an Equipment Replacement Schedule. He does have a list of bigger items the Village owns and will keep working on this and report back at a later date.

Jones said the 1-ton truck needs to be replaced. He passed out a copy of a quote of a truck identical to the current truck, except instead of being diesel, it is gas. The quoted truck is \$10,000 less than the truck he looked at last year because of the fuel and that it has a drop-in spreader in the back and no extended warranty. The trade-in value is listed, but Jones thought the old truck could be sold for more outright with the plow attached. He said it takes four months from when it's ordered to get it. He did choose a stainless steel bed instead of steel because of rusting. Jones will add this purchase to the March agenda. There should be plenty of money in the New Equipment Fund but it will likely be the next fiscal year by the time it's purchased.

Jones said Martin Equipment will be out to look at the backhoe, which is leaking hydraulic fluid. He said the shed was not insulated because of weather and it will also be done in the next fiscal year.

Jones moved, Deffenbaugh seconded to adjourn the meeting. Roll call: ALL YES. Motion carried 3-0.

Submitted by:

/s/ Melissa Place

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