

Ravenna City Council Streets and Sidewalks Committee
Meeting Minutes
March 16th, 2020

The Streets and Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:22 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper

Council present were: Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Tim Calfee and Matt Harper

Also attending the meeting were: Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Finance Director-elect, Brian Huff; Clerk of Council, Kathy Hann; Maple Grove Superintendent Mark Gabriel; Tessa Gabriel, Record Courier, Diane Smith; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio

Mr. Harper called the meeting to order and stated that there were two items on the agenda. The first item is the addition of a street light at the entrance of the high school. Mr. Finney was asked by the high school if the City would consider installing a street light at the entrance of Chestnut and the high school. He received a quote from Signal Service for \$6,980. It would be mounted to the current mast arm, which the traffic signals are on, and the intent would be to light up the crosswalks. Mr. Harper said that the area is dark in the mornings, and there have been a couple close calls with kids crossing. He has heard complaints about that area for years. Mr. Calfee concurred that the area is dark in the mornings.

Mr. Harper said that he would like to see the light there and would like to hear if anyone has any input. The Mayor said that the City did the same thing for Sirna when they had their expansion. The truck drivers were having a hard time seeing the entrance off of Peck Rd. and so the City put in a light for them. He said that the kids should not be put at risk for six thousand dollars. Mr. Harper suggested moving the item forward. Mr. Moskun asked where the money is allocated from. Mr. Finney assumed annual paving, and Mr. Cecora said that the money would come from Roadway Fund 224. It will run as a separate line item in 224 so that it can be tracked.

Mr. Finney said that the second item is an Asphalt Paving Program authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with Barbicas Construction, who was the best low bidder in which Board of Control approved. Ms. Dubinsky stated that the bid was \$836,651.50. Mr. Finney said that the City has worked with them before, and that he felt confident with them. The Mayor said the City received bids that went over 1 million dollars and that the City's estimate for the project was \$879,605. The City received a total of 7 bids.

Mr. Harper stated if there were no other questions or concerns, to move it forward. Mr. Calfee had a question on the language that said "best low bidder" to which Mr. Finney explained that it was the best low bid that the Board of Control approved. He said the Board of Control chooses based on recommendations that have been given to them, which have gone through background checks, experience and references. If it is decided that the lowest bid is not the best, then the next best low bidder would be recommended. Mr. Calfee asked who the Board of Control is, and Mr. Finney said that it is comprised of the Mayor, Service Director, Finance Director and the City Engineer. Mr. Cecora explained that if there is ever an exception to the lowest bid, he always asks for it to be put into writing as to why the lowest bid was not accepted, which he added has been the case on occasion.

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Ms. Dubinsky stated that as of this year there is no more chip and seal. Another stipulation was that once the street is milled the company has to come back and pave within 14 days. It had been an issue the City had dealt with the year prior with streets waiting up to two months to be paved.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:30 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

**Matt Harper, Chairperson
Streets and Sidewalks Committee**