



**Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
July 13th, 2020**

The public meeting was held via Zoom and live streamed via YouTube. A video recording of the meeting can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3fLvZLQIdCs>

Council present via Zoom: Council President Andrew Kluge, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Paul Moskun, Cheryl Wood, Tim Calfee, Christina West, and Matt Harper.

Also attending the meeting via Zoom: Mayor Frank Seman; Police Chief, Jeff Wallis; Law Director, Frank Cimino; Finance Director, Brian Huff; Assistant City Engineer, Patrick Jeffers; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Utility Billing Supervisor, Mike Reynolds; Kevin Skilton and Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:21 P.M. by Chairperson, Matt Harper.

The first discussion item was drainage issues at 882 W. Main St.

Mr. Skilton explained his situation with a drainage issue at his home on W. Main St. He has had water issues in his basement in the past and was recently able to waterproof it, but when a drainage hose was being hooked up to the storm sewer the contractor found a blockage in the pipe. Upon further investigation by the homeowner he found that the pipe leading from his house to the storm sewer drain had been broken off, which he suspects is from when Main St. was widened in 2007. Mr. Skilton has spoken to the Engineering Dept., the Service Director, and the Mayor to try to figure out a resolution. The Street Dept. came to his home to try to find his storm sewer pipe connection and they were unable to do so. Mr. Skilton says he has spent \$20,000 to waterproof his basement and is unable to utilize the full resources to keep his basement dry due to not being able to tie into the storm sewer drain. He stated that he pays the \$3.00 Storm Sewer Fee for a service that he is not receiving and would like to get it resolved before the frost starts. Mr. Harper asked if anyone from the City has contacted him about what needs to be done to correct the problem, and Mr. Skilton responded, No, but they said that they would work on it. Mr. Kluge introduced Mr. Jeffers from the Engineering Dept. to provide some input regarding the situation. Mr. Jeffers stated that the Engineering Dept. has been keeping track of the situation and the Street Dept. was called out to Mr. Skilton's property and found that the storm sewer on the north side of the road was blocked off shortly outside the manhole. The Street Dept. dug to see if they could find any pipe extending further and they could not, just a stub going into the manhole, which was assumed for future use. Mr. Jeffers stated that they have identified a few options that could be done to remedy the situation, which includes extending the 12" inch line that is blocked off so that Mr. Skilton can tie in, or to run a 6" inch lateral along the north side of the sidewalk to Mr. Skilton's. The cost for either would be around \$2,000 to \$5,000 depending on which resolution is decided upon.

Council addressed the issue of Mr. Skilton not receiving the storm sewer service that he has been paying for and questioned if there was money set aside for such contingencies. Mr. Harper stated that Council will address the Law Director before a final decision is made.

Mr. Kluge asked Mr. Jeffers if he knew of any other houses experiencing the same issue, and he said that he was not aware of any. Mr. Kluge's concern was that there may possibly be others and that the City should be proactive in resolving issues.

The Committee wanted to move it forward and opted for the 12" line option.

Mr. Dubinsky stated that she will meet with Mr. Dowdy to get the project started.

- The item was moved forward

The second discussion item was to transfer \$6,708 from the CI Fund to the Water Fund.

Mr. Jeffers stated that while the Hazen Ave. Water Line Project was being completed there were some sidewalk repairs needed. The funds used came out of the Water Fund and so the item is to transfer \$6,708 from the Capital Improvement Fund to the Water Fund to replace what was used.

- The item was moved forward

The third discussion item was to increase the Light Maintenance line item by \$15,000 for traffic lights.

Mr. Harper stated that there was \$13,500 appropriated to the Light Maintenance line, and another \$15,000 is being requested. There was a pole damaged on the corner of Highland and Oakwood causing the light to fall and break. The cost of the repair was \$3,400 which will hopefully be reimbursed by an insurance company. The City also needed to connect some school zone flashers at King and Main, and Diamond and Main, which was an additional \$5,600 for both locations. Mr. Harper stated that there was also an Emergency Preemption System that needed repairs at a cost of approximately \$2,000. He added that there was a recertification fee for \$2,950 for Signal Service who comes around annually to make sure all the traffic signals are functioning properly. Mr. Harper stated that the items were all safety concerns that needed to be addressed.

- The item was moved forward

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:54 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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