



**Ravenna City Council
Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2023**

The public meeting was held in person in Council Chambers.

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

Also attending the meeting: Mayor Frank Seman; Fire Chief, Mark Chapple; Finance Director, Brian Huff; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Council Clerk, Chelsea Gregor; Cliff Soudil, Larry Silenius, Diane Smith, John Sferra

The Streets & Sidewalks Committee Meeting was called to order at 6:42 P.M. by Matt Harper.

The first item was the 2023-2024 salt agreements.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is an annual agreement to provide road salt to PMHA, Village of Mantua, Maplewood Career Center, Ravenna Township, and the Ravenna School District. He explained that the agreement allows the entities to purchase road salt as needed through the City and to pay at the end of winter.

- The item was moved forward.

The second item was to accept RFP's for fall tree planting.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is for the annual tree planting program that is managed through the Shade Tree Commission. In response to Mr. Moskun's inquiry, Mr. Harper stated that Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS) is contacted, and lines are marked to avoid conflicts with tree planting.

- The item was moved forward.

The third item was a contract with ODOT for Rt. 59 resurfacing.

Mr. Harper stated that the item is for final authorization to resurface Rt. 59.

Ms. Michael asked if notification of the resurfacing could be put on the City website and in the water bills to notify residents and businesses.

Mr. Finney stated that signs will be out ahead of time to inform the public.

Mr. Harper inquired about the arial easements that the Engineering Department was acquiring, and Mr. Finney stated that they are still trying to acquire them internally.

Mr. Soudil stated his concern that the paving would interfere with the annual car show.

Mayor Seman acknowledged Mr. Soudil's concern and stated that the project is set to begin in fall of 2023 and end in the summer of 2024, adding that the car show area should be finished by then.

Mr. Finney stated that concrete curbs are currently being poured to help get ahead of the project.

- The item was moved forward.

Management Update

Mayor Seman stated that there are some complaints that residents won't be able to access their homes while the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) paves Rt. 59 and explained that unfortunately such inconveniences are part of the deal when street paving occurs. He said that there will be some difficulties when pouring aprons and curbs, and that residents will have to find temporary parking.

There being no further business for discussion, the meeting adjourned at 6:52 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

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