

## **STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES**

**March 11, 2019**

The March 11, 2019 meeting of the Ravenna City Streets & Sidewalks Committee was called to order at 6:00 P.M. by Chairman, Matt Harper. In attendance were Paul Moskun, Rob Kairis, Amy Michael, Bruce Ribelin, Scott Rainone, Andrew Kluge and Joe Bica. Also attending the meeting were Mayor Frank Seman; Finance Director, Kimble Cecora; Director of Public Service, Kay Dubinsky; City Engineer, Bob Finney; Police Chief Jeff Wallis; Fire Chief, Geoffrey Cleveland; Human Resources Director, Heather Richkowski; Larry Silenius of 123 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio; Clifford Soudil of 434 Woodland Street, Ravenna, Ohio and Tim Calfee of 910 Murray Avenue, Ravenna, Ohio.

Mr. Harper said the first item on the agenda is the 2019 Paving Program Contract.

Mr. Finney said this is to authorize the mayor to enter into a contract. The bids will be opened on Wednesday. The Board of Control will meet either Thursday or Friday. By March 18, they will have a contract.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Ribelin asked what company did the Chip Seal Program last year.

Mr. Finney said it was a subcontractor. If you're going to start a construction company, go into chip seal because there are only one or two companies in the region that are doing it.

Mr. Ribelin said he thinks the chip seal was done on Summit Street (which he happens to live on that street). He went through the property channels. Coolman was done. It's awful. Most of the gravel is in their yards.

Mr. Finney said they are supposed to sweep it when they're done.

Mr. Ribelin said they did not sweep it. It's down already to where it was. The pot holes and dips were not repaired before they did it. There had been a repair of a waterline next door to him and it's very deep again. It wasn't fixed. He thinks they did a really poor job and is a waste of taxpayers' money. They worked hard to get that paving program through. He just wanted Mr. Finney to know that he was very unhappy with it.

Mr. Finney said that it should have been inspected in the process.

Mr. Soudil said his sister lives on that street. They missed a foot and a half in the center completely. They just threw gravel on top of what was there and the cars drove over it. Up on Cherry Way, it was two feet deep at the end of the Catholic School parking lot. They actually put blacktop as a base on Cherry Way and then put the tar and chip over it. It appears to him that the tar either wasn't put on thick enough or wasn't the right material. It just didn't hold the stones. Summit Road was done by the County; and they had another company. You don't see much of that stone and it still has coverage. How soon before they will be able to come up with the money to do Summit Street again? They're saying that lasts for five years.

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Mr. Ribelin said that's a long time to wait.

Mr. Soudil said there were some other streets, too, but he doesn't know how those turned out. He can only speak for Summit Street and Cherry Way.

Mr. Ribelin said when the curbs and sewers were done on Freedom Street, of course, the detour ran up Summit Street. They even had semi-trucks on that little road. That road doesn't have curbs and is not a major artery but they had non-stop traffic for several months. He understands that has to be done. School buses also use that road on a regular basis. It does get a lot of heavy traffic on it. When you get a crummy chip seal on it like that, it's certainly not going to hold up.

Mr. Harper asked if there is an engineer on site during these street repairs.

Mr. Finney said that Patrick Jeffers went out. He doesn't know how committed he was to eight hours a day.

Mr. Rainone said that he has received five calls in the past week asking if there is going to be a community cleanup.

Mayor Seman responded in the negative.

Mr. Rainone asked if that is gone forever.

Mr. Harper said it was his understanding there were no disposal companies willing to bid it. They tried to solicit bids but no one wanted to take it on.

Mayor Seman said they have to do it on a Saturday and the dump closes at noon on Saturday. For them to be able to get it picked up and down to Canton, it's almost an impossibility. They can't do it during the week because they have their regular routes. There was only one company that would do it and they said last year they weren't going to do it any longer.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 6:08 P.M.

**ATTEST:**

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Clerk of Council

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Matt Harper, Chairman  
Streets & Sidewalks Committee