

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, March 19th, 2025** at 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

Utilities: Chair Mitchell, Davis, Oswald, Armstrong, Stewart

Others: Siwierka, Stewart

Absent: Lipian

Administration and Department Heads Present:

Law Dir Deery, Engineer Schneider

1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting, on February 5th, 2025 as circulated.

Motion was made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mr. Armstrong to approve.

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2. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Joint Utilities and Finance Committee Meeting on December 9th, 2024, as circulated.

Motion was made by Mrs. Davis and second by Mr. Armstrong to approve.

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3. The matter of the 2025 Street Resurfacing.

Referred By: Utilities Chair Mitchell

Chair Mitchell said this topic is for discussion only for this evening.

The total amount for this year's street resurfacing program is \$2,175,155 and each ward will receive close to \$311,000.

As discussed before the meeting, some of the wards have changed and everyone will receive a new ward map so the list is up to date.

Engineer Schneider said the list that was passed out is what is remaining from last year. The extra streets are under the OPW Ohio Public Works, ODOT and NOACA. He hasn't received anything from any Ward representatives as far as adding to the list. He is requesting those ward members that have other streets to please get them turned in so one of the inspectors can rank them. His department will update those and get new lists with new streets and rankings. He added some potential Ohio Public Works projects for next year will be added as long as Issue 2 passes.

A portion of the Murray Ridge project would be tied to the NOACA dollars and would be a 20% split along with the township.

If Council has anything else that needs attention, be sure to let him know.

The ride-a-longs with Engineer Forthofer are still available and if any of the council members have streets to be turned in before their ride-a-long, please do so and they can plan accordingly.

Chair Mitchell reviewed the street list and asked what the green stands for?

Engineer Schneider said the green is this year's Ohio Public Work projects that are already approved, last year and they were submitted to Ohio Public Works and we are going to be awarded all 5 of those projects. The orange is for next year's potential projects. They will come back to council in September to get that list approved.

Mr. Armstrong asked when will the lead - service phase four start this year?

Engineer Schneider said the lead service project started earlier in March. They have applied for more money, things keep revolving into it, it's ongoing. When they are done with those jobs they will go out and patch the streets.

Mr. Oswald asked about the concrete patchwork on Naples that never got done last year and when will it be done this year?

Engineer Schneider said they don't have a date yet?

Mrs. Davis asked about the concrete jobs that weren't finished last year and we don't have that list to show which ones were completed and the ones that were approved and weren't completed. She asked about Louisiana Ave?

Engineer Schneider said he will forward an email which lists which streets are moving forward and which ones aren't.

Mrs. Siwierka asked if the monies are encumbered for the streets that didn't get done?

Engineer Schneider said yes.

Mrs. Siwierka said East River between University and corporate limits, (1200/1300 block of East River) is really bad and Washington Ave. from the bridge to Harrison is bad.

Engineer Schneider said East River was resurfaced last in 2009.

Mr. Oswald asked for clarification on Washington Ave?

Engineer Schneider said the OPWC for Washington Ave. can be whatever section we want, but, the bigger the job gets the less likely we have of getting funds because there is a point scale system which is based on the number of dollars the city puts in and based on the number of dollars Public Works puts in.

Chair Mitchell asked about Murray Ridge from Lowell to 'whatever' will be next year. She said it's so bad and there is nothing left to patch. The entire road is bad, but in that section, it's very bad and she gets complaints all the time. She can't tell people it won't get done until 2026.

Engineer Schneider said it will be fiscal year 2027 which starts in 2026. They cannot use NOACA funds. They can try to get it done earlier in 2026. But if we apply for OPW funds, the 20% doesn't start until July 1st of that year.

Mrs. Davis said she has Morgan from Adams to RR Tracks and she thought maybe it could be patched because it's concrete, so when she does her ride along, there is no way it can be patched. can it be blacktopped?

Engineer Schneider said when they look at a concrete road, they look at what would it take to take out the bad sections of concrete and replace with new or overlay it with two and a half to three inches of asphalt. They also look at the drainage and how it drains, because that factors into that. They can look at the cost of both concrete and asphalt.

Mr. Armstrong added 3 to his list; Middle Ave (Wood St to Massachusetts), Eight Street Alley (Middle to East Ave) and Westwood (Southwood to Greenwood).

Chair Mitchell recommend that everyone ride the streets in their wards and write down the street they think are the worst and we can go from there and then schedule a meeting with Engineer Forthofer.

Chair Mitchell asked for a motion to adjourn this evening's meeting.

**Mr. Oswald moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mrs. Davis at 6:20 P.M.
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Respectfully Submitted by,

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