

The Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee

held a meeting on **Wednesday, January 7th, 2026** beginning at 6:00 P.M.

Committee Members Present:

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

Others: Cerra

Excused Absence: none

Administration and Department Heads Present: Safety Service Dir Pyanowski,
Law Dir Deery, Engineer Schneider, WWPC Supt Stewart

1. The matter of approval of meeting minutes from the Joint Meeting of the Utilities, Safety & Environment and Finance Committees which met, on December 8th, 2025, and circulated on December 9th, 2025.

Motion was made by Mr. Oswald and second by Mrs. Davis to approve the 'said' meeting minutes as circulated.

MOTION CARRIES

2. The matter of entering into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant for the years 2026 and 2027.

Referred By: Superintendent S. Naelitz

[This matter will also go to Finance Committee on 1/12/26]

Dir Pyanowski said Supt Naelitz wasn't available to attend this evening's meeting. Dir Pyanowski said this is the annual process where we go out for bid and enter into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for the Water Treatment Plant for '26 and '27. There is a small increase in the quantity of what is needed for this year partly because there may be a new municipal customer later this year. That additional sale of water will require additional water production.

Law Dir Deery said she recommends that this item be passed as emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Oswald, second by Mr. Armstrong to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to go out for bid and enter into a contract for the purchase of the 'said' chemicals for '26 and '27. Emergency clause requested.

MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

3. The matter of entering into a contract for the purchase of chemicals for the Waste Water Pollution Control Plant – Water Reclamation Facility for the years 2026 and 2027.

Referred By: Superintendent S. Stewart

[This matter will also go to Finance Committee on 1/12/26].

Supt Stewart said the is similar to the purchase of chemicals at the Pumping Plant, and annual housekeeping. The estimated amounts have increased from last year and it is hard to do a comparison of the cost per year. The estimated amounts of usage would be the maximum and are usually under that amount.

Motion made by Mrs. Davis, second by Mr. Oswald to authorize an ordinance for the Mayor to go out for bid and enter into a contract for the purchase of the 'said' chemicals for '26 and '27. Emergency clause requested.
MOTION CARRIES COMMITTEE REPORT WRITTEN

4. The matter of the Street Resurfacing Program and the street selection process for the year 2026. *[for discussion only]*.

Referred By: Chair D. Mitchell

Chair Mitchell said they wanted to start earlier than they did last year. She wants everyone to start thinking about what streets need to be done in their wards.

Dir Pyanowski said there will be a presentation on the report of the Street Scan Program. It will include the dash board data and what the next steps are now that that part of the process is completed as well as budget suggestions.

Scott Buzaleski is the GIS specialist in the Engineer's Dept has been involved as well as Engineer Schneider and they are familiar with the product and they can answer any questions. The streets were all graded fairly and positively and it was a good outcome. It's a very helpful tool. The next step is to find out what the budget is.

Chair Mitchell asked when they should start discussing the streets?

Engineer Schneider said the earlier decisions on the streets are made on which streets, the better and the sooner it can go out for bid and hopefully the contractors aren't already booked up.

Mr. Oswald suggested that everyone start figuring out the streets so they can discuss those streets.

Mr. Oswald asked how it will work when there are sections of streets that need repaving and not the entire street.

Engineer Schneider said it's better to do at least a minimum on each street because for the contractor to pick up all the equipment and move to another street and that's where we lose our efficiency. It's better to have areas that bigger or closer to each other.

Mrs. Davis said that the street scan won't tell them what the State takes care of, for instance Griswold Road.

Engineer Schneider said there are certain roads that are federally eligible for State funding. But those projects go thru NOACA or Ohio Public Works and can be up to a four- or five-year time frame before we get the funds. If there are immediate needs, we apply to Ohio Public Works a year or so in advance. So, we should know in July if we will get the funds for Griswold, but, it's not necessarily maintained by the State. Every road in our city needs to be maintained by us, we're responsible, except for I90 and I80. And we are responsible for maintaining Rt 57. We are able to get funds for Rt 57 because it is a State Route but we're still responsible.

Mrs. Davis said Rt 57 is horrible from Griswold to Bell, you have to dodge holes.

Engineer Schneider said we do have funding for Rt 57 for the near future. There were challenges during the construction that weren't favorable to the city. NOACA has recognized those issues and the funding is there for 2028. These are the projects on the schedule with NOACA dollars; Murray Ridge, Rt 57 Chestnut Ridge to Cleveland St., Abbe Rd., North. Sometimes we get urban paving which are limited funds.

Mrs. Mitchell said Murray Ridge is so terrible and she's happy it will get done soon.

Mr. Oswald said that the street scanning report stated that 65% of our roads are in good shape, so the money we have been putting into the roads is working and we appreciate it and we can always use more money to get more streets paved.

Chair Mitchell said that concluded this discussion and she asked for a motion for adjournment.

**Mr. Oswald moved to adjourn the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee Meeting and that motion was seconded by Mr. Armstrong and the meeting adjourned at 6:20 P.M.
MOTION CARRIES**

The next scheduled meeting of the Utilities, Safety & Environment Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 21st, 2025 at 6:00 P.M.

*Respectfully Submitted by,
Colleen Rosado, Council Secretary/Administrative Assistant*