

Safety and Infrastructure Committee

March 20, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Chairperson Toni Harper. In attendance were committee members Scott Snider and Sherman Prince, Village Administrator Corey Spackey, and Mayor Mike Henwood.

It was noted that former Administrator Jeff White had calculated the water loss at the pool at 1300 gallons per day. This amounts to a financial loss to the village because the water is treated both at the water plant and at the pool. Finding the leak is a priority this year. Toni mentioned that Olivedale pool has a liner of some sort. Corey will investigate!

Corey presented a letter to be sent to people whose downspouts are tied to the village's sanitary sewer system. It outlines a 60-day notice to have this corrected, with a fine for each day beyond that.

He also presented letter to be sent to Rushville concerning an increase in bulk water rates to take effect at the beginning of April. He has tried to meet with officials from Rushville, and asks, in the letter, that a meeting be scheduled with their mayor and council president.

We are planning to put a levy for the streets on the ballot and are in the process of prioritizing the streets that need attention.

Corey and Mayor Mike Henwood met with two engineers about rate studies for water and sewer in an attempt to discover the actual cost of treating (a) a gallon of water and (b) a gallon of waste. They will give us a proposal for storm water utilities necessary to separate what we spend on storm water disposal from what we spend on sanitary sewers as well as comparative water and sewer rates.

Mike called attention to several issues:

- (a) the alley that goes onto Oak Street behind Earl Lehman's barn;
- (b) 2 manholes are needed to be installed on the sewer line between Bartlett and Oak so that the storm sewer lines can be cleaned; and
- (c) Carter Street between Broad Street and the railroad tracks needs to be repaved.
- (d) the storm sewer pipe where Ruff Drive comes onto Marietta Road is rusting out and needs to be replaced.

He noted that street cleaning is an ongoing process. We are working on north-south streets. One big problem is residue from leaves that were raked into gutters. Scott suggested a fine for those who do so after repeated notices in the newsletter.

Scott questioned the flooding on the road in front of Worthington Industries. Since it is a state route, is ODOT responsible for taking care of this? Mike suggested that the problem might be sand and gravel clogging the lines. Maybe the Worthington maintenance people could help with this.

Sherman mentioned that in the budget, money was to be put aside each year for a truck. This has not happened yet. He wanted to remind us that we need to begin to do this.

Toni questioned whether we will be taking advantage of Sally Grimm's offer to (with her brother, Terry McGhee) reimburse the village for matching funds if we apply for grants for the pool. Corey is exploring possible grants, but so far has found only small ones that would probably not help much. Mike suggested trying for a college student intern to search for such grants.

The meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.