

Special Meeting of the Council
May 19, 2015

Council present: Mayor Morneault, Mr. Miller, Mr. Holderman, Mr. Craig, Mr. Weller, Mrs. Gisewite

Employees: Mr. Brunk, Mr. Sears

Visitors: Tom Heller, John Abner, Todd Fazzari, Tim Pfaff, Tammy Miller, Lisa Hannah, Randy Develbiss, Tom Wallace, Gary Keener, Bill Boyer, Linda Boyer, Raymond Neitman, Cindy Neitman, Don Adams,

Mayor Morneault announced the purpose of the meeting is to reevaluate the Phase I Hemple Road Project. Mayor Morneault said there were concerns brought to council at the last meeting. Mayor Morneault said Mr. Sears will review the project so everyone is on the same page when we address the concerns on Hemple Road.

Mr. Sears said Phase I is from Elm Street to Carolyn Drive and Ashbrook. There will be 940 feet of 12" water main, storm sewer, curb, gutter, and sidewalk. The street will be widened from 20 feet to 31 feet. There will be some milling. The project includes 400 ft of 12" storm pipe and approximately 6000 square feet of concrete sidewalks. We will be upsizing the main from 4" to 12".

Mr. Sears said the village received a grant from OPWC for \$342,000. There were 11 companies requested bid packets but only five were returned. The lowest bid was Prograde at \$299,750 which is approximately \$42,000 under the engineer's estimate. Tom said he received a permissive \$45,000 through Montgomery County to help supplement the OPWC Grant. The engineering took 300 hours surveying and completing the drawings. Tom said he sent letters to the residents in March or April last year telling them about the project.

Mayor Morneault opened the floor to questions from the visitors. Mayor Morneault asked the visitors to state their name and address for the record.

Todd Fazzari said if the street will be ten feet wider, he assumes that will be five feet on the north and five feet on the south. Tom Sears said it will be five feet on each side plus the sidewalk. Todd Fazzari asked what Phase II and Phase III will include. Tom Sears said that Phase II did not get funded through OPWC. We are only talking about Phase I.

Todd Fazzari asked why the sidewalk is going to be on the south side of the road. He said it will be safer on the north side. Tom Sears said the surveys recommended the south side. It would be too close to the houses on the north side, there are a lot more trees that would have to be removed, and there would be more work on the infrastructure. Tom said he talked to the engineers and they said it would be an additional \$21,000 because there are 11 driveways on the north side, plus the gas line is at the edge of the asphalt.

Tim Pfaff asked what would happen to his water shut off which is at Carolyn and Hemple Road. Tom said that Mr. Pfaff's shut off was moved to the lift station when they put in the new main. Tim Pfaff said the land across from his house is in the township. He asked how the village would deal with the sidewalk on land that is in the township. Mayor Morneault said that we will look at that if we do Phase II and Phase III, and if we do sidewalks in Phase II and Phase III.

Tammy Miller asked who wanted the sidewalk. Mayor Morneault said it was council's understanding that the residents wanted it. Tammy Miller said if the sidewalk is on the north side of the road it would connect to the Car Wash where there is already a sidewalk. Tammy said she doesn't want a sidewalk in her yard. From the beginning, she has not been for it.

Mayor Morneault said that there are safety and usability concerns for either side. Typically we do these projects in phases because Mr. Sears obtains funding through grants. If we do Phase II, we will talk about what to do with the sidewalk then. Jeff Miller said if the sidewalk doesn't go all the way out, it doesn't make sense to have it in the first phase.

Todd Fazzari said that the residents are here and need the big picture. Is the street widening to 31 feet for the people who walk or for the farm equipment to drive down the road. Residents who want to walk will have an additional ten feet. Mr. Fazzari asked how much the village would save if they didn't put in a sidewalk. Mr. Sears said \$20,700. Mr. Fazzari said the tax payers are here and are saying no sidewalk.

Mayor Morneault asked what the residents thought about no sidewalk but add a striped edge painted on both sides of the road.

John Abner said that it was brought up at the first meeting that it would be better to shift the road to the south. There are no telephone poles and no trees. Mr. Brunk said to move it south, council would have to have permission from all of the residents.

Tom Miller said he is not opposed to sidewalks. His concern is that people will speed down the road if they have more room. Mayor Morneault said Jackson Township Police Department has purchased a speed sensor sign. They will park the sign at various places around town. Mr. Brunk said that Jackson Township Police write tickets. If there are issues, residents need to voice their concerns to the police.

Tim Pfaff said that people speed by his house. The kids have to cross the street to get on the bus. Mr. Pfaff said if the village widens the street there will be more speeders. Todd Fazzari said that Jackson Township is responsible to get the speed back down to 25mph.

Randy Develbiss said that a sidewalk on the south side of the street makes no sense. He said instead, the village should go 32 feet and mark a lane for pedestrians. The sidewalk would have to go back to the north side when you get to the township line and crossing at the curves would be dangerous. He said three times the people could use the sidewalk if it was on the north side.

Tammy Miller said if people are walking on the north side, common sense is that where it should be. Mr. Holdeman said if there are no sidewalks, it would be safer to walk down Dean Drive. Tammy Miller said she walks down the street. If the village extends the road five feet on each side, it will be a great advantage. Jeff Miller said the village should just do away with the sidewalk. He said he would like to have one, but it doesn't look like it would work.

Randy Develbiss said it is troubling to deal with Phase I without looking at Phase II and III. Mayor Morneault said the primary goal is to better the road and the infrastructure. Mr. Develbiss said if there are no long-term goals you have tunnel vision. Mr. Holderman said there is no guarantee the money will be here for Phase II and III. Mr. Sears said we cut lots of money to get this grant.

Randy Develbiss asked if residents would have the option of tapping in to the new line while they are installing it. Mr. Sears said the meters will be behind the curbs. Randy asked if he would have the option to be replaced from the curb to his house. Mr. Sears said that the village is responsible for the street. The residents can replace their line as they see fit.

Gary Keener said he walks to work every morning and night. Mr. Keener said he is not in favor of a sidewalk.

Bill Boyer said if the 12" line goes all the way down Hemple Road, how will people past Carolyn get water. Mr. Sears said the lines will be converted from 12" to 4". Mr. Boyer said he is in favor of a sidewalk. The road is too dangerous to walk on. Mr. Boyer would like to know if in Phase II the sidewalks would stop at Autumn Ridge. Mr. Sears said yes because of cost.

Todd Fazzari said Phase I affects what happens in Phase III. Eliminate the sidewalk and put in a pedestrian lane. Bicycle could use the lane on the street. Mr. Fazzari said there are five kids east of the curves. Why would the village put the sidewalk on the south side when you have residents on the north side of the curves?

John Abner asked who is responsible for the sidewalks. Mr. Brunk said the statute says the residents are responsible. Tammy Miller said that three residents would be responsible for the sidewalk. Mr. Sears said that historically, the village has paid for it.

Tom Wallace said his concern is the curb. Big tractors will be on the curb. Then who would be responsible? Mr. Sears said the village is responsible for the curbs.

Tom Wallace asked about the ramp down the hill. Mayor Morneault said it would be ADA complaint with the ramp and the flat spot. Tom Wallace asked if they would be liable for not cleaning the sidewalks. Mr. Brunk said the residents are responsible to clean their sidewalks.

Mayor Morneault thanked the residents for coming and said they made some good comments. Mayor Morneault asked Mr. Sears to check with the engineers to see if we could have no sidewalk, but add the striped lanes to the road. Mayor Morneault also asked Mr. Sears to see if these changes would be a problem with the grant money for the project.

Mr. Weller asked if we change the plans will we have to re-bid the project. Mr. Brunk said he will research the issue. Mayor Morneault asked if we could make the road 32 feet instead of 31 without the sidewalk. Mr. Sears said they would have to go back and resurvey and get new drawings. Mr. Sears said the stripes will be an extra cost. Linda Boyer asked if the village could add reflective lights in the street. Mr. Sears said they will use reflective paint in the stripes.

Mr. Miller moved to remove the sidewalks from the project and put striped walkways on the road. Mr. Weller seconded the motion. Mayor Morneault asked for discussion. Mr. Holderman said if we wait, we could lose the grant money Mr. Sears got for the taxpayers. Mr. Weller said he would like to have more information. Mrs. Gisewite said that before this motion is carried, she would like to have more information about the effects of the changes, the costs, and the grant money. Mrs. Gisewite said if the village would have to re-bid the project, there is a chance we could lose the grant money. Mrs. Gisewite said the wider road and replacing the infrastructure were the main goals of this project and she did not want to risk losing the money without further investigation into the matter.

Mayor Morneault asked for a roll call: Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Weller, abstain; Mr. Holderman, abstain; Mr. Craig, yes; Mrs. Gisewite, no. Motion passed.

Mayor Morneault asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Miller moved, and Mr. Holderman seconded. Roll call: Mr. Holderman, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Craig, yes; Mr. Weller, yes; Mrs. Gisewite, yes.

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