

## **STREET, SIDEWALKS & UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING SEPTEMBER 11, 2014**

The Village of Middlefield Streets, Sidewalks and Utilities Committee meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Chairman Mr. Wiech with the following members present: Mr. Ron Wiech, Mr. Carl Hornung and Mayor Ben Garlich (5:40).

Also present: Mr. Dan Weir – Administrator, Mr. Charlie Ehrhart – Dir. of Streets and Utilities, and two Hillcrest Drive Residents.

Agenda: Add – Buggy parking at Sav-a-Lot.

Minutes of August 14, 2014 were presented for approval. **Mr. Wiech moved to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (2),**

### **OLD BUSINESS**

1. Request for Dedication of Highpoint Circle was moved to the end of the agenda for the site visit.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

1. The adjustment journal was presented and discussed, an explanation for each adjustment was included. Most of the adjustments presented seemed to be due to computer software issues that Ms. Ehrhart can brief the committee on at next month's Street Committee meeting. **Mr. Wiech motioned to accept the adjustment journal as presented, seconded by Mr. Hornung. All in favor: Yeas (2)**
2. Discussion was held regarding safety training for service department employees. It was noted that some of the employees have become lax on safety while performing their normal duties. Mr. Weir and Mr. Ehrhart suggested a training program and the development of safety policies that would also have punitive consequences included in the policy if employees did not follow the policy. They plan on having the training begin as quickly as possible and will have a draft policy for the committee at next months meeting.
3. Hillcrest has recently had some flooding issues at the end of the street adjacent the cul-de-sac. Residents exhibited photos of the flooding and discussion pursued in regard to what could be done to improve the situation. The 12" storm stops on Hillcrest just before the cul-de-sac and the highpoint in elevation is in the cul-de-sac with the properties to the north of the cul-de-sac sloping north towards the school. The committee decided that the matter should be reviewed by the Village Engineer to determine what may be possible and if the storm on Hillcrest is currently sized to be even able to accept additional flow. Mr. Weir will contact the Village Engineer for review of this matter and report at the next meeting.

4. Mr. Weir and Mr. Ehrhart suggested the idea of mandating that when a storm line and a sanitary line are installed in the village that the storm line be the color white and the sanitary the color green in an effort to avoid an accidental cross-connection similar to what happened recently in the Woodsong Development. It was determined that this situation is extremely rare and is unlikely to happen again. Discussion was held that some sort of identification would be helpful to avoid this happening. No determination was made as to what may work best at this time.
5. Mr. Wiech received a complaint regarding the smell of horse excrement at the Sav-a-Lot Store in the Harrington Plaza. Mayor Garlich stated that he has been at the store several times over the last few weeks and the horse rails have been clean every time he has been there. Mr. Weir will monitor the rails and send a letter to Sav-a-Lot if needed.
6. **Meeting was moved at 6:05 pm on site to Highpoint Condominiums** – Present were committee members Chairman, Mr. Ron Wiech and members Mr. Carl Hornung, Mayor Garlich, also present: Ms. Joyce Porozynski, Mr. Bill Phillips, Mr. Bill Angstrom, Mr. Weir, Village Administrator and Mr. Ehrhart, Dir. of Streets and Utilities. Discussion was held regarding the dedication of High Point Circle for public use. Mayor Garlich expressed clearly that the Village would not be able to dedicate Highpoint without also considering the dedication of all of the other similar areas in the Village. That the current economic situation of the Village would not support taking these areas on anytime in the near future. It is the general concurrence of the Street Committee that the committee will not recommend dedication of High Point Circle for public use. Mayor Garlich asked for an opinion regarding having a dog park in Knox Park, the consensus from Ms. Porozynski, Mr. Phillips and Mr. Angstrom was that a dog park would not be a positive improvement to the park that a trail with exercise equipment would be a better option. The Committee decided to look at the installation of a trail with exercise equipment instead of the dog park idea.

There being no further business before the Streets, Sidewalk and Utilities Committee, Mr. Garlich made a motion to adjourn the meeting on site at 6:47 pm.