

**VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS
STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE
June 22, 2015**

Members present: Evans, Lutz, Subel
Also present: Mayor Brick, Himes, Bloom, Brosius, Herdman, Muscenti, Lannon

The meeting was called to order at 7:45 p.m. by Chairman Janis Evans.

NEW CROSSWALK

Mr. Himes said the police department has requested that we stripe a crosswalk on West Orange Street at West Street on the west side connecting to the east side of Williams Street. They have noticed a significant increase in pedestrian traffic across the street there with M Italian opening up. We would have to install a curb ramp on the north side of the street, we would put up signs for the crosswalk, and we would stripe it. The cost would be less than \$3,000.

Mr. Subel said a new crosswalk might back up traffic having to wait for pedestrians to cross the street and the existing crosswalk is only 50-100 feet away.

Moved by Mrs. Lutz, seconded by Mrs. Evans that we put the crosswalk in. If it becomes a problem and it doesn't work out right we can paint over the stripes and take down the signage. If the police department requests something and if they think that it is the right safety move, I think we should listen to them. Carried. Ayes: Evans, Lutz, Subel. Nays: None.

NORTH STREET BRIDGE RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

Mr. Himes said the contractor is finishing up the section between Mill Street and Cottage Street and should be finished by the end of the week. They will then move on to the next phase which will be Cottage Street to Willow Lane. The completion date is October. One lane of traffic will still be maintained going north. He updated the committee on the cost of the project.

SIDEWALK REPAIR POLICY

Mr. Himes said when we had a Capital Improvement Program and had an estate tax we had a sidewalk repair program and we were spending about \$40,000 each year. It has been about seven years since we have done that. In the interim the service department has been making small repairs. If a property owner calls and says they have a heaved sidewalk the service department would repair one slab. With the work load on the service department, road repairs and other projects that they are involved in, they can no longer keep up with the demand. So, I would like to move back to where we were before we had the sidewalk maintenance program, which was that the homeowner is basically responsible for the repairs. Mr. Subel asked who determines whether a sidewalk has to be

repaired? Mr. Himes said the specifications for how bad a sidewalk is are contained in the code so if it is heaved by more than an inch and separated by more than three quarters of an inch that is outside of the code limits. Currently the way Ohio law is setup, apparently the homeowner has all the liability so they have the responsibility to get the sidewalks repaired.

Moved by Mrs. Evans, seconded by Mrs. Lutz that we suspend the sidewalk repair policy until such a time as we can re-institute it. Carried. Ayes: Evans, Lutz, Subel. Nays: None.

NORTH MAIN STREET BRIDGE REHABILITATION PROJECT

Mr. Himes said on June 11, 2015 the County held an open house to review the options for rehabilitation or repair of the Main Street bridge, which construction is scheduled for 2018. They are at the very preliminary design phases and are requesting public input on various alternates. Alternate #1 is repair and rehabilitate. This alternate includes repairing the existing structure and replacing the sidewalks. The repair would include the replacement of broken and missing stones, patching of spalled concrete, replacement of deteriorating sidewalk stringers, and other repairs. Alternate #2 is adaptive reuse. This alternate includes building a new structure inside the arches to carry the load from the traveling public, thus removing the load from the stones. The arch structure would be repaired similar to Alternate #1. The deteriorated sidewalk stringers and sidewalk would be replaced. Alternate #3 is complete replacement. This alternate would replace the structure with a new structure with a similar arch configuration and stone appearance, providing the same waterway opening as with the existing structure.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Janis Evans, Chairman
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