

STREETS & SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 13, 2018

The November 13, 2018 meeting of the Ravenna City Streets & Sidewalks Committee was called to order at 6:54 P.M. by Chairman Matt Harper. In attendance were Paul Moskun, Amy Michael, Rob Kairis, Bruce Ribelin, Andrew Kluge and Joe Bica. Also in attendance were Mayor Frank Seman; Service Director, Kay Dubinsky; Finance Director, Kim Cecora; City Engineer Bob Finney; Parks & Recreation Director Judy Watkins; Police Chief Jeff Wallis and Fire Chief Geoff Cleveland.

Mr. Harper said there were two items on the agenda. The first item is the property and equipment that needs replaced at the corner of Meridian and Main Street from the traffic accident.

Mr. Finney stated that Council needs to appropriate \$10,000.00 to replace the street light pole. Stated that the motorist that cause the accident does not have auto insurance. The City has to pay the contractor who has made the repairs and get reimbursed from our insurance company. Mr. Finney stated that the controller was also damaged. It is functioning, but the City needs to decide whether to spend the money to replace the controller. The inside panel of the controller was damaged.

There being no further questions or comments, it was decided by those present that the issue be referred to the Committee of the Whole for further action.

Mr. Harper said the next item is a discussion of the alternate sidewalk program.

Mr. Finney stated that over the years, the city has practiced the alternate sidewalk program, where the homeowners make repairs to their sidewalks and the city would reimburse the cost of the concrete. Stated that he would set money aside in the budget to do this. There were years where no one was reimbursed and other years they would reimburse. Stated that by ordinance, homeowners are responsible for their sidewalks. Asking Council if they want to continue with this program. Stated that he would probably spend more than \$1,000.00 a year. The other question is, that years ago, when repairs are made, the homeowner be responsible to pay some portion of it. At that time it was 1/3 of the square footage cost. Stated that now, that the City has the paving levy, the question is does the City want to continue paying 2/3, or 100%, or assess the homeowner.

Mr. Harper stated if there is money in the budget from paving levy, and there are sidewalks that are getting bad because of trees, the city should move forward with the second plan, of the sidewalk program to help. Mr. Finney asked if the city should charge the homeowners a portion or what regardless of the trees. He stated that there is 80 miles of sidewalk in the city.

Mr. Finney summarized: Does the City want to invoice some portion (1/3), or the City pay 100% of the cost.

Mr. Soudil stated that the people voted to fix the holes on the streets. Stated he understood that some of that money is earmarked for widening the streets and taking care of the sidewalks. Suggested that the levy money be protected.

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Council decided to leave the sidewalk program as is.

Management Update:

Mr. Kluge inquired about the hydrants out of service.

Mr. Finney stated that he had Gary Jarosz from his office map the hydrants that are out of service from 2017 & 2018. Stated that he is still questioning why some of these hydrants are out of service. Stated that he is going to investigate further. Stated they will use the map to put together a five and ten year waterline replacement program.

Ms. Michael asked about the status of the N. Prospect Street project.

Mr. Finney stated that it is wrapping up for the winter. Reported that he has had positive feedback from some residents. The water pressure is improved.

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting adjourned at 7:14 P.M.

ATTEST:

Clerk of Council

Matt Harper, Chairman
Streets & Sidewalks Committee