



**Public Works Committee of Council Agenda
February 11, 2025 - 5:00 PM
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

1. Public Works Committee Minutes of August 13, 2024
2. Rubber Tire Front End Loader
3. Mini-Excavator
4. Engineering Services for Bicentennial Commons
5. Roof Contract for the Police Department and Strip Center
6. Public Works Facility
7. Discussion, questions, and requests for future meetings.
8. Adjournment



**Public Works Committee of Council
August 13 – 2024 – 5:00 p.m.
233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio**

The Public Works Committee of Council met at 5:00 p.m. on August 13, 2024. The meeting was held in the Council Library located at 233 South Main Street, Monroe, Ohio.

Present were: Ben Wagner, Council Member; Christina McElfresh, Vice Mayor; John P. Centers, Council Member, Larry Lester, City Manager; Gary Morton, Director of Public Works; David Leverage, Fire Chief; Kacey L. Waggaman, Assistant City Manager; and Angela S. Wasson, Clerk of Council.

Mr. Wagner moved to approve the Public Works Committee minutes of June 11, 2024; seconded by Mrs. McElfresh. Voice vote. Motion carried.

Mr. Morton reported that the 2024 ADA Ramp Project is on the Council agenda this evening to award that contract, which was part of the 2024 Capital Budget. This year we are using Tax Incentive Funding and Residential Incentive District funds in the subdivisions of Wyandot Woods, Monroe Crossings, and Todd Glenn Reserve.

Updating on current projects, Mr. Morton advised that Todhunter Road is open today. The contractor will begin bringing in the materials this week and construction in approximately two weeks for the South Main Street water line. The contractor began work this week on Timrick Place. Mr. Morton stated a website has been set up that only the residents on Timrick Place can access to provide them with weekly updates. Mrs. McElfresh asked if Council could have access to this as well in case they receive questions.

Mr. Morton reported that the 2025 Salt Contract is on the Council agenda this evening, which is \$87.12 per ton and that was the same price last year.

Mr. Morton provided a breakdown of the needs for East Avenue, such as concrete replacement/installation needs, trees in the right-of-way, and the pavement is in bad shape. We need to look at this in conjunction with the Downtown Master Plan. If we do everything necessary to properly repair this street we are looking at \$3 million on the low end and \$5 million on the high end. The amount of work would require doing this in phases and it would take approximately three years to be under construction.

Mr. Wagner asked what the cost is to the residents and Mr. Morton replied there would be no cost to the residents. Mr. Wagner felt that \$3 million to \$5 million is a lot of money and we should spend that on the new Public Works Facility and just make the street better for now.

Mrs. McElfresh didn't want to have this street look different than the other streets as the Downtown Master Plan is implemented.



Mr. Morton pointed out that if anything is done to the street and then come back five years later to do more in-depth repairs, the residents would question that. Mrs. McElfresh would rather see the road milled down and resurfaced for now. Mr. Wagner felt that we should have an economic development person hired to begin to implement the Downtown Master Plan first. Mr. Centers was of the opinion there are more emergent needs, such as the Public Works Facility since we have equipment sitting outside during inclement weather.

Referencing the camera and door access control project, Mr. Morton explained that Sonitrol is who the City has used for door access and they are proprietary. With Digital Visions, for the cameras, we can go with another company that is certified to repair the Genetec equipment. We are trying to standardize everything. Mr. Morton noted this is being brought to the Public Works Committee due to the fact that he oversees all facility maintenance. This will automatically unlock the Monroe Community Room when someone reserves the room without having to get a key from the police department. A new camera would also be installed in the room and kitchenette because there have been a lot of damage found. Mr. Morton indicated that he could control the door access via his cellphone.

Chief Leverage added the fire stations would also have the door access control, and the internal camera would be the EMS medical room. If someone keys into the building the camera would show who is accessing the door to make sure the key matches the person entering the building. Chief Leverage noted a cell phone will be used to access the door rather than distributing a lot of key fobs and getting lost.

Mrs. McElfresh asked about the cameras in the parks. Mr. Morton advised there are cameras at Monroe Crossings, Monroe Community, and Monroe Bicentennial Commons. These cameras are on servers housed locally for now until we can get fiber to the parks. Mr. Morton advised that they are in the process of working on a fiber agreement with SWOCA.

Mr. Centers asked if the cameras at the parks can be accessed remotely. Mr. Morton replied that you have to physically download the footage from the cameras.

Mrs. McElfresh asked when State Route 4 will reopen. Mr. Morton did not know as that is an Ohio Department of Transportation project and there is at least several months before it is complete.

The Public Works Committee meeting adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Angela S. Wasson, MMC
Clerk of Council