

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 5, 2022
9:00 A.M.**

Present: Chairperson Arlene Luebbe, Mayor Paul Meier, Genie Wambaugh, Tim McKinley, Ed Wise, Kathy Riedel (Guest)

Staff Present: City Administrator Alex Mattingly, Public Works Director John Scheben

Absent: Carol Sprinkle

Chairperson Arlene Luebbe called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led the Committee in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first item considered was approval of the December 1, 2021 meeting minutes. Tim McKinley motioned to approve and Ed Wise seconded, all voting in favor.

Old Business

A. Turkeyfoot Road Improvement Project – No update on this project.

B. Western Lookout Farm Drive Reconstruction – Public Works Director John Scheben reported that the only work remaining in this project is the painting of crosswalks near the former cul-de-sac area.

C. Horsebranch Rd. Guardrails – Mr. Scheben reported that the City will contract with Viox & Viox to analyze and recommend for/against guardrails in the Right Fork Rd./Horsebranch Rd. area. He added that a preliminary assessment indicated that guardrails would not meet state roadway standards. A discussion ensued regarding options to keep cars on the Horsebranch Rd. pavement if guardrails are not recommended. Mr. Scheben also stated that the City installed signage on Horsebranch warning of a curve ahead.

D. Shinkle Rd. and Summit Repaving – Mr. Scheben requested a proposal from Mike Yeager of Integrated Engineering for the project design and specifications. This work will not be completed until the warmer weather months.

New Business

A. City Engineer – An RFQ will be issued in the coming days for a City Engineer. It will be a competitive process that is evaluated and recommended by a committee. Ed Wise volunteered to sit on this committee.

B. Horsebranch Rd. Sidewalks – A discussion occurred regarding the pros and cons of re-applying for a federal funds grants with the City of Edgewood for this project through the Ohio-

Kentucky-Indiana Regional Council of Governments. The general consensus was that committing to an increased local match could be beneficial to make the application competitive, and the project would result in a significant community improvement (the new infrastructure was requested by several businesses and would assist with pedestrian safety). Ed Wise asked for an updated estimate on the cost to repave Horsebranch Rd.

C. Interstate 275 Noise Study – The City has approached the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet to conduct a noise study for the area of Lookout Farm Drive that abuts I-275. If KYTC is unable to conduct the study, the City will explore funding a study itself.

The next meeting of the Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2022, at 9:00 a.m.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mr. McKinley, seconded by Mr. Wise, all voting in favor to adjourn. Committee adjourned at 10:00 a.m.