Montville Township Trustees & Thompson Township Trustees

Community Center 9755 Madison Rd.

February 25, 2025

Joint Work Session 6:00 p.m.

The work session was called to order by Patricia Combs, Montville Trustees Chairman, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Patricia Combs, Jim Marsic, and Randy Peterson. The work session was called to order by Erwin "Kok" Leffel, Thompson Trustees Chairman, at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Joe Cindric, Justin Falcone and Erwin Leffel. Also present was Shane Hajjar, Geauga County Engineer.

Mr. Marsic, Montville Road Trustee explained the goal of this work session is to create a plan for improving Burrows Rd. from 528 to Murphy Rd., the county line. The major repairs fall to both boards. This project will be a chip n' seal project, not pavement.

A brief history of the roadway was given to explain how Burrows Rd. is divided between the Townships for road work.

Thompson maintains the section from 528 east to Murphy Rd.

Montville maintains the section from 528 west to Rte. 86.

2013 - the improvement of the intersection of Sidley was completed by both Townships.

An overview of the total miles of Townships roads that each Township is responsible for was given.

- Thompson has a total of 26 miles of roads with 14 miles of gravel roads.
- Montville has a total of 11.8 miles of roads with only Sun road not improved.

The project will take co-operation between the Townships and County Engineer's and need the resident's patience and understanding while the numerous portions of the entire project are being performed. This could take several weeks to several months to complete. Mother Nature will need to be worked with starting with the thaw that makes the road worse. Phases will happen to make improvements.

Shane Hajjar from the County Engineer's Office explained items that will be addressed along the 1.7 miles:

- Pavement areas of Sidley Rd. will need to be repaired as needed.
- Pavement area off of 528 will need have the grade addressed.
- Drainage will be addressed along the entire project area as needed
 - o Berms lowered
 - o Ditching
 - o Cross-over pipes
- Driveway pipes
- Soft spots located where road base has failed
- Profile/shape the road

The road surface would be cut and compressed to achieve the smoothest surface possible before a double layer of chip n' seal and one additional fog coat is applied from 528 east to Murphy Rd. Applications of chip n' seal will most likely be needing to be applied over multiple years with repairs corrected before additional applications are applied each and every time.

The current road maintenance program and future maintenance program will change due to the new type of road surface. A maintainer can no longer be used, no salt can be applied to the

roadway (only small aggregate or grit), while potholes will need to be filled with asphalt-based material.

The project could begin in the Spring of 2025, with the Townships workers doing the cutting of the berms along with driveway pipes in need of replacement being replaced, cross-over pipes being completed as needed along with proper ditching and waterways being cleaned.

Mr. Hajjar explained that the preliminary design is still in the works and the exact cost is unknown at this point. He is projecting it to cost in the area of \$250,000 to \$285,000 and would be subject to contractor bids being accepted or denied for the project. The preliminary estimation would not cover the cost of culvert replacements, roadway crossover pipe replacements, cutting of berms, preliminary base repairs which may include additional aggregate materials being applied, or additional years of chin n' seal applications.

The plan would be to apply the chip n' seal in July or August 2025.

Each Township would need to be committed to the project and would be required to sign a joint resolution provided by the Geauga County Engineer in full agreement of their intent prior to the construction scope of work and bid packages being made available to contractors.

Questions were addressed from the Public.

Mr. Marsic moved Mr. Peterson seconded to close the work session. Mr. Leffel moved Mr. Falcone seconded to close the work session. The work session was closed at 7:17 p.m.

Patricia Combs, Chairman

Erwin Leffel, Chairman

Cindy Lausin, Fiscal Officer