

FIRST SUBURBS CONSORTIUM OF DAYTON OHIO

NEXT EVENT: March 25th – Riverside, Ohio

February 26, 2020

Hosted by Washington Township

In attendance were:

Willis Serr (Centerville)	Richard Herbst (Vandalia)
Tim Gorman (Clayton)	Greg Merkle (Clayton)
Georgeann Godsey (Harrison Twp)	Bob Ahlers (Vandalia)
Roland Winburn (Harrison Twp)	Dale Berry (Washington Twp)
Richard Shaw (Huber Heights)	Rick Barnhart (West Carrollton)
Glenn Otto (Huber Heights)	Judy Cook, Chair Emeritus
Bill Lautar (Kettering)	Jack Jensen, Executive Director
Steve Byington (Oakwood)	Jay Weiskircher, Mayors /Managers
Norbert Klopsch (Oakwood)	Tom Robillard (Kettering)
April Franklin (Riverside)	Jesse Lightle (Washington Twp)
Ron Vaughn (Trotwood)	Cathy McGrail (Englewood)
Paul Gruner, MCTy Engineer	Adrienne Draper (Englewood)

Willis Serr chaired the meeting. He thanked Washington Township for hosting the meeting. Dale Berry welcomed everyone. We are in the process of renovating our meeting area. We are rearranging the dais area due to the location of the exit door. Our Christmas lights are over and We are working on our Senior center.

Willis introduced Paul Gruner, our County Engineer who updated us on engineering and the County. The Engineer is an elected official. We review all surveys and plats prior to a transfer of property. I have County maps to share.

We advise Townships when asked to do so. We are responsible for all bridges on Township roads. We assist them with their paving needs. Municipal roads, we are responsible for some bridges for major maintenance and replacement. We have 523 bridges over 10 feet long. We have the largest number of bridges and the largest deck area. A deficient bridge (based on the inspection report rating of the super structure and load rating as well as other items). Then there are different load ratings for various trucks. Our revenue basically comes from gas tax and license fees. We have a little under 100 employees. In 2017 we were allowed to add \$5.00 to the registration fee. This meant about \$2,000,000 to Montgomery County. Federal gas tax has not been increased since 1993. The Senate finance committee suggested a mileage fee for large trucks and electric vehicles. In 2019 the gas tax was increased by 10.5 cents, 19 cents on diesel and a \$200 fee on electric vehicles, \$100 for a hybrid. The gas tax is divided equally amongst all counties.

Projects: Opening of the Keowee Street Bridge. Atchison Road Bridge. Jamaica Road. Mad River Road. In 2020 we will be doing Woodman Drive in Kettering, Perry Township, Jackson Township and Jackson Township, Snyder Road, Alex-Bell and one on Diamond Mill Road near Germantown. Our biggest project started last year was the Third Street Bridge. Our budget is about \$16 million dollars a year. Bill asked if all bridges have the same life span. – Probably not. What is the typical life span? - On a bigger bridge, 75 years. The steel on this bridge is 70 years old. The cost of painting a steel bridge would be excessive.

We are using roundabouts – they reduce accidents by 50%. We have a project on Social Row Road - Washington Twp and Centerville are partnering on this. The Patterson Bridge is a non-redundant bridge. This means that if one piece fails, the bridge will fail.

The I-75 bridge from Ohio to Kentucky needs agreement by both parties. Kentucky does not want to have a toll. They are proposing a parallel bridge for heavy traffic and the current bridge for local traffic.

Tim Gorman made a motion, Richard Shaw seconded – minutes were approved.

Treasurers Report - \$29,060.22 ending balance. The question was asked as to what this money will be used for. Jack explained that it might be used for a future Executive Director and/or for lobbying. Tim stated that the audit committee discussed investing in a CD. Motion to accept the Treasurer's report by Tim Gorman, Steve Byington seconded – accepted.

Harrison Township reported that volunteers were going to begin coming back to repair houses and remove large tree debris. We are reaching out to neighboring cities to help with building inspections. They are also looking for ways to house and feed the volunteers.

Oakwood - Shroyer Road has a one mile stretch of roadway – formerly called the “Landing Strip” through a residential neighborhood. Drivers naturally increased their speed causing a lot of accidents. We did a “road diet” and took away one lane in each direction and put in dedicated left turn lanes, added trees. The home values have increased and the number of injury crashes has dropped dramatically. Bill pointed out that the bike lanes are clean and safe. In 2016 the number of tickets from 230 compared to 30.

Huber Heights is looking to change 201. Richard Shaw reported that if it is a safety issue, the 20% would be dropped.

Willis turned the meeting over to Jack. Jack thanked Washington Township for hosting and welcomed two new representatives, Glenn Otto of Huber Heights and Bob Ahlers of Vandalia as well as two guests from the City of Englewood, Cathy McGrail and Adrienne Draper.

Mark Schwieterman is progressing and has been participating in community activities

We have approximately \$29,000 in the bank and will use approximately \$8,000 this year. We could invest it in a CD. We cannot invest in credit unions. We bank with Chase. A discussion followed. A motion was made to invest \$20,000 in a CD for six months. Steve Byington made the motion and Tim Gorman seconded – motion carried. Jack will check with Chase first and then look at the best rate possible.

The handbook has been updated and sent out. We will have to correct – who is the Governor. The website has also been updated, thank you to the City of Kettering.

Jack suggested we have a retreat for four hours on a Saturday. We will bring back suggestions at the next meeting for a Saturday retreat.

We have discussed a joint meeting with the Montgomery County Township Association in mid-August. A speaker as well as a discussion of how a Township differs from a City. August 19th at the Business Solution Center is the tentative date.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 25th in Riverside. The Executive Committee will meet April 4th.

Tim Gorman moved to adjourn – Steve Byington seconded – approved.

Approved 9/16/20