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## **OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

### MEETING MINUTES

August 7, 2008

7:00 p.m.

Village Green, 47 Hall Street

Attendance Don Grubbs, Tom Counts, Rob Rice, Chris Huber and Steve Lutz.

#### I. SIDEWALK REPAIR PROGRAM REVIEW

Rob Rice informed the Committee that there are many different sidewalk repair programs throughout central Ohio. A majority of them are based on street maintenance program. He reviewed a chart which identified the sidewalk repair programs of seven neighboring communities.

Tom Counts inquired as to the quality of work performed on the sidewalks for those people who choose to opt out of the program? Rob stated that in the end the quality is satisfactory.

Tom Counts asked as to whether the three week time period for residents to opt out of the program is sufficient? He asked as to whether the City could inspect sidewalks and send out notices earlier?

Chris Huber informed the Committee that the City could inspect sidewalks in the fall and send out notices in March and increase the opt out time period.

The Committee discussed the equitability of charging fees for the sidewalk repair. Staff informed the Committee that the City may wish to waive fees for those individuals participating in the City's mandatory sidewalk repair program or for those residents choosing to repair their sidewalks. The inspection fee could remain for the installation of new sidewalks.

Tom Counts thought the vertical separation issue will need to be addressed. He stated his general philosophy is to set a rule and to follow it. He suggested considering increasing the vertical separation from one quarter inch to one half inch.

The Committee asked Staff to prepare proposed revisions to the City's Sidewalk Repair ordinance and report back to the Committee in September.

#### II. ADJOURNMENT

Having no further business to come before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

