

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2020 IN THE MAPLE ROOM OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Towne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Towne and Members Pink and Sheldon

Absent: None

Chairman Towne declared a quorum present.

Also, in attendance: Village Administrator, Bob Irvin; Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson

Residents: Trustee Bohm, Jess Ray, Karen Carruthers and Mike Ruppe

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING

Meeting minutes from January 8, 2020 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Sheldon and seconded by Member Pink that the meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS SOLAR ENERGY IN THE VILLAGE

Chairman Towne said resident Mike Ruppe located on Old School Road was in attendance today to provide solar panel information based on his experience. His wife managed the installation of two solar panels projects for Oakton Community College. In addition, Mr. Ruppe's daughter works for Commonwealth Edison. Mr. Ruppe commented when he completed his family room addition it was designed with a roofline to install a slight amount of over 4 kilowatts of solar panels. The Ruppe's use the majority of their solar energy produced throughout the day. If a surplus of energy is produced by Mr. Rupp it is sold back for credit on their bill. Mr. Ruppe is considering installing 6 kilowatts on his barn in the future.

Commonwealth Edison representative, Sarah Noll attended today's meeting to discuss how her team, My Green Power Connection works. Ms. Noll indicated her team helps residents understand the benefits and the savings of installing solar panels. ComEd has two types of solar panel programs, the Private Solar Energy System and the Community Solar. The private solar energy system is utilized by residents installing the panels onto their home. Residents who are unable to install panels on their home due to trees or renting a property can participate in a community solar program. The community solar project allows residents to access solar energy in a large scale by signing-up for the project and to be able to receive energy credits on their bill.

Please reference the Comed.com/SmartEnergy/MyGreenPowerConnection web page to read specific details on how energy calculations are determined and to find a community solar location near you. ComEd also has three different project ownership levels to consider. Ms. Noll emphasized residents should complete their due diligence on contractors who install solar panel and their product quality. Elgin has a community solar project that has been installed. The one drawback of a community solar placement is its locations to the residents. Chairman Towne asked if the community solar location can belong to two communities. Ms. Noll replied yes. Village Administrator Irvin asked if any communities are in their planning stages for this project. Ms. Noll said 50 projects have committed for this year. None of the submitted applicants are municipalities. Chairman Towne asked if panels could be recycled after their usage. Ms. Noll said panels cannot be recycled but some companies do repurpose them for underfunded areas interested in the solar program.

Chairman Towne said the Committee will continue to explore for the residents.

E. UPDATE ON THE STUMP AND TREE REMOVAL CONTRACTOR

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said Canopy Tree Specialist has worked three days on the tree removal project.

F. DISCUSS MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR FY2020-2021 BUDGET

Chairman Towne said Public Works budget for next year is estimated at \$133,000. Village Administrator Irvin said the drainage culvert repair off of Penny Lane was included in last year's budget but will be completed in FY2020-2021 budget instead. Village Administrator Irvin added the tree removal line item of \$5,000 is only a contingency amount. The trail maintenance amount will address several areas on the trails that have been washed out. Trustee Bohm asked if any trail areas should consider restructuring or grading due to their wash out areas and are requiring ongoing maintenance. Village Engineer Scott Anderson confirmed some areas within the trails need to be resurfaced.

The Committee approved the proposed budget.

G. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Towne mentioned that the cable installation along Bradley Road tore up the shoulders. The Village will need to follow-up the repairs against their \$20,000 bond.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Towne and seconded by Member Sheldon to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk