

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11, 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, Karen Carruthers and Jess Ray

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING

Meeting minutes from February 12, 2020 were reviewed. Member Pink submitted a few date corrections to the minutes. 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

Chairman Towne recapped that last month's Committee meeting included a Commonwealth Edison representative which provided the Village some great information regarding solar energy. Chairman Towne indicated the Village should move forward with studying solar energy to help support the residents.

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

Chairman Towne said the shoulder maintenance budget has been increased due to the various locations requiring restoration.

Chairman Towne indicated the street maintenance budget was also increased to continue to address dips and holes on the Village roads. Chairman Towne asked the Village Engineer why the current road blacktop being utilized was crumbling. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied the blacktop can sometimes be lifted during the winter season by the snowplows. The blacktop product currently being applied is inexpensive compared to the cost of using gravel which could result in 10 times the cost. Member Pink asked how much of the street maintenance budget was going to be applied for the Mettawa Lane cul-de-sac. Village Administrator Irvin replied \$15,000 of the budget.

Village Administrator Irvin commented this year's budget does not include any capital improvements projects. The Village shoulders and trails usually require upkeep due to the heavy rains creating washed out areas. A few areas within the trails may require to be made wider to about 8 feet.

Chairman Towne added the trail maintenance budget was slightly increased. This budget will allow some trail areas to be repaved due to some land erosion. Village Engineer Scott Anderson mentioned the trail area on the east side of St. Marys and Old School Road has a small paved area, this will be removed to discourage people from parking on the corner.

Chairman Towne indicated the Village will be placing an order for road salt with Lake County. Village Administrator Irvin recommends the Village purchase 150 tons for next year. The Village used 85 tons this winter. We currently have 95 tons available. Village Administrator will receive confirmation of the final salt on hand for the Village by March 14th or 20th.

Chairman Towne approved the proposed budget for Public Works.

F. 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 he received an email from resident Les Raffel (15390 W. Little St. Marys Road). Mr. Raffel asked if the Village would consider extending the water main down his street. Chairman Towne mentioned this area was studied about 4 years ago and at that time the residents did not have any interest to extend the water main.

Village Administrator Irvin provided the Committee copies of the street area that was studied in 2011. Village Administrator Irvin spoke to Mr. Raffel and provided him information regarding the connection and encouraged him to seek support from his surrounding neighbors. Chairman Towne indicated the Village should consider sending out a new survey letter to the impacted residents to determine their interest. Village Administrator Irvin mentioned the survey letter can be sent; however, the resident's motivation could increase if the associated costs were included. Village Administrator asked if Gewalt Hamilton should update cost to complete the connection. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the water flow would improve if the full loop was completed up St. Marys Road to Sanctuary Estates. Chairman Towne commented let's start with the survey letter to determine if residents are interested before moving forward.

Jess Ray asked if the survey letter should include the additional expenses required to help the residents understand the full connection costs. Village Administrator Irvin indicated in the last water main study those expenses were included as rough estimates especially since those lot sizes were further from the road.

Village Administrator Irvin added Mr. Raffel spoke about his drainage that was occurring by his driveway. Village Administrator Irvin said Mr. Raffel understands his driveway is private land, therefore, he is not looking for Village support only some direction for a resolution. Chairman Towne indicated Storm Water Management will need to be involved to address the drainage issues located on private property.

Member Pink asked for an update on the stump and tree removal from Canopy Tree Specialists. Village Administrator Irvin said he spoke with Village Engineer Jamie Anderson and received an update. Canopy has cut down some of the larger trees off of Old School Road and Mettawa Lane. The stumps will be cleared once the large trees debris has been removed.

G. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Pink and seconded by Member Sheldon to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk