

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13, 2013, IN THE MAPLE BOARDROOM OF THE HILTON GARDEN INN HOTEL, 26225 N. RIVERWOODS BOULEVARD, METTAWA, ILLINOIS**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Armstrong called the meeting to order at approximately 6:23 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Chairman Armstrong and Members Towne and Clark

Absent: None

Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

Also in attendance: Denis Bohm, Mark Meluso, Franzieska Lys, Carl Nagel and Barbara Nagel, all residents; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer and Deputy Village Clerk, Colleen Liberacki.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2013 MEETING.**

Meeting minutes from February 13, 2013 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Towne, and seconded by Member Clark that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

**D. DISCUSSION OF 2013 PAVING BIDS RECEIVED**

Scott Anderson reported he is waiting for Jim Ferolo to check his figures and then Chairman Armstrong will approve before the request for bid goes to publication. The work itself cannot start until May 2013, so there is plenty of time to solicit the bids.

**E. DISCUSSION OF ROAD RESTRICTIONS – WEIGHT LIMITS, TRUCK RESTRICTIONS LANGUAGE**

Chairman Armstrong reported that he still does not have the sign language from Linane and Anderson stated that he needs the ordinance number that will be printed on the sign.

Chairman Armstrong wants the sign language enforceable by the local police.

**F. DISCUSSION OF THE VILLAGE HALL WORK**

Member Towne is waiting for further discussion to take place at the Village Board level to determine whether or not to rebuild vs. remodel, and/or rent. He stated that John Stryker of HSBC building facilities had been unavailable to have a conversation, but the village would need to be flexible about being located on the first floor and lack of access on the week-ends. He still thought that this location would still be acceptable for record storage and house closing meetings.

**G. WATER LINE SSA AND EXTENSIONS STATUS/ACTIONS REPORT**

○ **IGA FOR AREA 1**

- **RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD TO APPROVE FEES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1650 TO LAKE COUNTY AS FOLLOWS: \$300 APPLICATION FEE, \$1000**

**PERMIT FEE, \$350 INSPECTION FEE**

Chairman Armstrong reported that this will be the first SSA to set a date for a public hearing, and if all participants connect to the SSA, there will be no need for the 60 day waiting period. He also stated that the IGA was already signed and approved by the Village Board and all fees must be paid upfront and Patrick Glenn of GHA is urging him to do this now.

Anderson advised that if the SSA is not voted on with a majority, that the village would be out the \$2900+ funds.

○ **STATUS OF AREA 1 SSA FORMATION**

Chairman Armstrong reported that this would be discussed at the next village board meeting as well as the associated fees

○ **STATUS OF AREA 2 SSA FORMATION**

Chairman Armstrong reported that an ordinance needed to be formed with Jim Ferolo's assistance. He also reported that the work is underway at Sanctuary Estates, with Dean Schaeffer's persistence. Member Towne stated that he needed a set of plans on file and Anderson reported that he did not have a permit application, either and would need to write a recapture agreement.

Chairman Armstrong also shared that Kurtis and Leahy would access the back of Granger property for their own Lake Michigan water access.

**H. DRAINAGE**

Member Towne stated that the pipe is frozen, but believes that it will drain out. He further stated that the drain located near the Newberg property is functioning well and Lake County has not even graded it yet. Member Towne also mentioned that the drainage pipe on Bradley Road is coursing like a river, rather than standing water previously observed, and the drainage pipe near the Pegasso property on Emma Lane is also functioning well.

Member Clark noted that on the south side of Old School Road, the water is not moving and backing up over the road between Little St. Mary's Road and the curve. Member Towne stated that the ILM report quoted \$17,000 to implement the plan regarding this area and Keith Grey will do a breakdown. Chairman Armstrong said that he would put this topic on the agenda for next month. Member Clark urged to do site visits with the proposals.

**I. DISCUSS OPTIONS FOR TRAILS IN THE S.E. PORTION OF THE VILLAGE ALONG RIVERWOODS ROAD AND EVERETT ROAD**

Chairman Armstrong and Member Towne discussed options of coming up Everett Road and connecting trails, but wanted to avoid the busy road. Mark Melusco and Denis Bohm were adamant that they wanted the trail moved away from their properties, and consider this a threat to their privacy and homeowner enjoyment. They both noted that to move the trail to the east is not an option, due to no room and steep embankment and to the west would encroach on their property lines.

Member Towne replied that there is no urgency to complete the trail indicated on the comprehensive master trail plan and did not want to upset affected homeowners. Chairman Armstrong agreed and stated that they were still talking concepts and would like homeowner

input before recommending any actions to the village board. He further stated that the purpose of the public meeting is to create access for the homeowner feedback and input. Carl Nagel wondered if the trail was proposed to be located behind his house. Member Towne noted that said trail was on the comprehensive plan, but would seek input before implementing it. He further suggested a meeting between all affected HOs and the Public Works Committee to resolve any potential differences and acquire feedback.

Franzieska Lys was concerned about a petition that indicated that 90% of the HO do not want the proposed trail and other HOs north of 60 want input regarding trails. She felt that the HOs want this trail abandoned. Member Clark noted that not that many residents would be served by this trail and the village would have little motivation to pursue it. Denis Bohm questioned if the LCFP could be contacted to request a trail be put near Daniel Wright Woods, however, Member Towne noted that such a trail would cross a river. Franzieska Lys questioned if village residents really want trails noted on plan and does not think the trails are necessary since the village has Everett Park. Member Towne replied that all would be taken into consideration at a meeting with the interested neighbors. Chairman Armstrong offered that the trail would not be built any time in the near future.

Member Towne proposed a workshop focusing on park trails next month and will seek input from Lys. He further advised to be concise as possible for what was desired. Member Clark added that if information could be supplied about what trail loop would work, and talking with neighbors would be helpful. Carl Nagel talked to the LCFP about the “purple law”, painting the trees from the middle to the bottom as an indication of no trespassing (universal no trespassing sign). Lys felt that the residents did not want to invest more village funds in additional trails. Chairman Armstrong advised that part of the motivation of creating trails is to create easements that protect the village from uninvited and undesired road expansion.

Lys was concerned that she and her neighbors might recommend a trail that might turn out not to be not feasible, but she does like the idea of collaborating with her neighbors and invited Member Towne to attend as well.

**J. PUBLIC WORKS BUDGET FOR 2013-2014**

Chairman Armstrong presented the proposed budget and explained such features as mosquito abatement, village hall maintenance, mowing and plowing. He was willing to edit the budget as input was submitted.

**K. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR BEFORE THE COMMITTEE FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION TO THE VILLAGE BOARD**

Chairman Armstrong reported that he received emails from resident Lydia Donato about the potential safety liability of the ponds located at Riverwoods & Bradley Roads and Riverwoods & Route 60 Roads; she felt that safety issues needed to be addressed. This stems from a recent news article in another county where youths who were driving while intoxicated crashed into their local pond and drowned. Member Clark offered to look into solutions focused on safety concerns.

**N. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 pm, seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

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Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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