

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 08, 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 6:27 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Chairman Armstrong and Member Clark

Absent: Member Towne

Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

Also in attendance Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Jim Linane of Linane Traffic Consultants, Mayor-elect Casey Urlacher and Deputy Village Clerk, Colleen Liberacki.

**C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM APRIL 10, 2013 MEETING.**

Meeting minutes from April 10, 2013 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Clark, and seconded by Chairman Armstrong that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

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

Scott Anderson reported the bids for Bradley Road would be in by June 12, 2013.

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

Jim Linane attended the meeting to explain the criteria and present written information necessary to create an enforceable ordinance. He shared his background as a law enforcement officer of 40 years and current tenure as Police Chief of Sleep Hollow. He also stated he had 37 years experience as an instructor of traffic expertise training police officers and sheriffs and as an accident reconstructionist expert. He noted that his clients are as large as the city of Chicago as well as small suburbs such as Mettawa, noting that the same traffic problems exist in any community due to the difficult subject matter, which very few attorneys or judges understand. That problem being that the sign language is not consistent with the ordinance. The main purpose of the subject ordinance is to protect the road from excessive truck weight or premature resurfacing due to excessive wear. He further stated that the passage of a 180K lb truck equals 9600 passenger cars in road wear.

Linane advised that the federal government dictates weight and truck road access, which includes the “one mile access” rule: any street within a one-mile distance of an access interchange is allowable, without exception to the weight. Any distance after that is subject to local ordinances. This can be noted by all the motels, gas stations, restaurants that populate the one-mile zone. He made several recommendations: no Class J truck access, must be reasonable provisions for deliveries and a simple “no truck” sign is too prohibitive, noting

Fedex trucks, buses, pick up trucks are too common. If there was a “no commercial vehicles” sign, that would require additional definition. He noted the examples of fire trucks, snow and ice removals and husbandry vehicles would be exempt from the commercial vehicle definition. He stated that fire trucks and garbage trucks are the most damaging per axle (weight).

Linane pointed out that from the federal laws, regulation 15-316, paragraph C gives the local authorities permission to issue a more restrictive ordinance of vehicles. He suggested a warning sign on the road ½ mile prior advising of weight restriction ahead, to give the vehicle a reasonable opportunity to change route to avoid a violation. He offered a template to rewrite the Ordinance 732 and explained the 5 penalty options, additionally involving weight violations, sign violations and vehicle length violations. He suggested repealing the ordinance just passed and revising the wording to align more with the template he offered, as an alternative to be enforceable. Chairman Armstrong wanted this item put on the Village Board meeting agenda.

**F. DISCUSSION OF THE 2013 SPRING MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Chairman Armstrong reported that the maintenance would start the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 4<sup>th</sup> week of May and inquired about the trails. Scott Anderson noted that the trails are in pretty good shape and that he and Member Towne would be walking the trails to further evaluate their condition.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that the Finance Committee currently has this topic on their agenda and are working on it.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that Patrick Glenn of GHW has the interest rates and will come up with a final cost for SSA15. He also stated that for Area 2 he is working with the county for the IGA and there are still issues to be addressed. Chairman Armstrong noted for Area 4 (Kurtis & Leahy properties) that Tom Hines is working on this and wants to stay out of this area for now. He noted that there would need to be an easement (60ft by 25ft) for the necessary work.

Chairman Armstrong advised that Oelson was referred to GHA or Greengard and they are going with GHA; the county is ok with the project. He further shared that the IGA for the Old School Road water line is on hold and the details are with the county.

**I. DRAINAGE**

Anderson reported that he fixed the clogging problem east of the Pegasso Farm (double barrel culvert) and fixed others as well. Chairman Armstrong questioned him about the other clogged culvert on Little St. Mary’s Road and Anderson requested the address closest to the problem area in order to remedy the situation. Chairman Armstrong said he would email Anderson the address in question.

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

Member Clark inquired about the Bradley Road progress and Chairman Armstrong reported that the bids for Little St. Mary's Road and Twin Drive were still pending. He also advised about a University of Illinois sponsored/partnered CIORBA study that was taking place on the trails.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Chairman Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 7:56 pm, seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

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Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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