

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 08, 2014, 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 6:47 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Armstrong, Member Clark and Member Towne

Absent: None

Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

Also in attendance: Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk. Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM SEPTEMBER 10, 2014 MEETING.

Meeting minutes from September 10, 2014 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Clark, and seconded by Member Towne that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

D. ROAD CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR ACTIVITIES

Scott Anderson reported that the paving was completed and the next step would be striping and shoulders addressed, followed by moderate restoration work of the fabric that was laid down and experienced substantial wear due to the repeated weather delays. He also felt that potentially extra material would be needed for the storm sewer and installing more culverts than anticipated. Chairman Armstrong noted that a hazardous situation had been created due to the present mailboxes on shoulder and little room to clear them with the drop off of the shoulder. He felt that the situation would need to be addressed. Chairman Armstrong reported the need to regrade areas of the ditches along the trails. Jeff Clark noted that Scott Anderson was allowed to perform four trail grading/maintenance projects annually, but inquired how many he had done thus far. Scott Anderson replied that none had been performed, but that the agreement was that he could not self-initiate the task, that he would need the expressed permission of the committee to do so. Jeff Clark urged Anderson to get started on the trail maintenance, that he had duly received the necessary permission. Chairman Armstrong further suggested that someone on the committee run the trail every 30-45 days to inspect it for signs of wear and tear, which would precipitate the need for regarding and maintenance.

E. DISCUSSION OF THE 2014 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Scott Anderson reported that over 50% of the work has been completed by Dunlap Tree and he had a bill of \$20K for partial payment of the job for \$43,300 (\$18,900 for brush and \$24,400 for tree cutting). Jeff Clark noticed that one of the workers was chopping and dumping on private property, which was strictly prohibited. He further stated that the vendor

was told to “pad the proposal”, as it was anticipated that additional work would need to be done as the job progressed, and he felt that it was not the way to do business. The job scope should have been more precise, so the vendor could accurately reflect their pricing.

Scott Anderson reported that he had two proposals for the stump removal: 1) DiTomasso for \$8400, no silt fence being used and an additional \$200/load hauling of refuse and 2) Dunlap for \$8700, with grinding. Member Towne felt that there should be a silt fence in use during the stump removal, as Storm Water Management has been vigilant in their supervision of land moving activity. Scott Anderson quoted \$2.00 sf for silt fencing. Member Towne also thought that the proposal should specify finish grading the site, or wait until WRD had finished its assessment and report before pursuing such, due to the surrounding wetlands being an issue. Member Clark suggested getting another price for a flush cut, but Member Towne found that ineffective, as the suckers grow back and the tree will regenerate itself. It was agreed to table the project until spring 2015.

It was moved by Member Towne and seconded by Chairman Armstrong, to recommend to the Village Board that they put the project on hold until spring 2015. The motion was carried.

F. DRAINAGE

Chairman Armstrong reported that he approved to blanket seed the drainage swale at Crest, with the cost being \$1K, with \$2600 being budgeted. Regarding Bradley Road, Chairman Armstrong stated that Pearson Brown would not progress until WRD gives them the sign to do so. Scott Anderson stated that there will be handwork and shoveling required to work on the culverts at the north and south ends.

G. WATER LINES

Chairman Armstrong reported progress on the Crest Old School Road; for Area 2C, he received the latest cost estimates from Don Fielding. They will use these estimates as a cost basis to be shared by all participants and come to an agreement and are now negotiating with the county regarding the work. Chairman Armstrong advised regarding the Area 7 status he was still waiting for the connections to senior level at Granger about tapping into their water line.

Chairman Armstrong noted that they are waiting on Jim Ferolo, village attorney who is working on the recapture ordinance for Dean Shaffer and Novak. Chairman Armstrong inquired about Novak’s building progression.

H. VILLAGE HALL

Chairman Armstrong felt that the village hall site discussion was covered adequately in the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting.

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

Member Clark stated offered to work with the Lake County Sheriff regarding the speed and weight enforcement on Bradley Road, now that the road was finished paving. He reminded everyone that trucks over 12K pounds weight was prohibited. Bob Irvin also offered to speak

with the Lake County Sheriff as well. Member Clark noted that potential significant fine revenue would be due the county or village, now that the road was newly paved and smooth. Bob Irvin informed the committee that a significantly higher salt bid came in from the state, at \$137/ton, as opposed to ~\$80/ton in the past. He noted that Mettawa typically orders 150 tons per winter season, whereas the city of Lake Forest orders 2800 tons and Lake Forest received an independent bid of \$119/ton. He stated that it was the city of Lake Forest's intention to reject the state of Illinois bid, upon risk of being sued and asked that Mettawa join them in doing so. Bob Irvin counseled that for the amount of salt that Mettawa typically orders, that it would not be worth the risk, and the village is only committed to ordering 80% of what they need from the state and can get 20% elsewhere to minimize the higher price.

Bob Irvin reported that he spoke to Tim Bicheck of Hamilton Partners regarding the Riverwoods Blvd. tree removal and replacement and they would cover the cost out of association funds, not SSA funds. He further stated that for the past 14 years, there was no collection of the sinking fund and there are not enough funds to cover the expense.

Bob Irvin also reported that he, Mayor Urlacher and Village Clerk Cathy Nelson met with the Impact people on 10/7/14 about the tollway authority "No Access off Bradley Rd" sign and that the intersection was not maintained, even with \$49K in the SSA fund. Member Towne suggested pestering the state to maintain the property, since they own that parcel, and Bob Irvin inquired if he should call on the tollway authority to achieve this. He further urged that a proper entrance would result by the corporate park if it was better maintained.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Chairman Armstrong to adjourn the meeting 7:35pm, seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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