

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2015, IN THE SAVANNAH 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 6:44 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: Mayor Urlacher, Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk. Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 14, 2015 MEETING.

Meeting minutes from January 14, 2015 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Towne, and seconded by Chairman Armstrong that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

D. ROAD CONSTRUCTION/REPAIR ACTIVITIES

Chairman Armstrong noted that the cost of repaving planned for Old School Road was not in the budget yet, but was encouraged to put it in, since the prices were now favorable. Scott Anderson cautioned that the prices were maybe 2% - 3% cheaper, and that should not be the only reason to proceed. Bob Irvin suggested to only put this item in the budget if they are truly planning to pave the road during the 2015 budgeted. Chairman Armstrong questioned what was to be gained if the paving was done this year, other than taking the general maintenance funds planned for the road out of the budget. Scott Anderson advised that the maintenance funds should be estimated at \$1K, and cautioned not to let the road deteriorate too much, as it would be more expensive to repair when paving commenced. Chairman Armstrong noted that if they paved Old School Road now, it would be another 15 years before it was needed again. Member Towne pushed for having this item in the 2015 budget, his reasons being that this line item in the budget would push Koffel and the water main project to be completed, noting the pending work to be done.

Member Clark questioned the need for the repaving as yet, since the road looked in good condition to him. He was not in favor of repaving Old School Road this year and a budget item should be in the budget for an accepted expense, not as leverage for pushing projects. He further suggested getting a roadway repair bond for these projects (Koffel and the water main) should the projects occur after the repaving. Bob Irvin noted that the railroad crossing would be repaired in 2015, as it is in the railroad's budget. Chairman Armstrong said he was leaning towards not repaving the road in 2015 due to pending projects that would damage the

road. Member Towne suggested announcing the 2016 deadline to the project developers to urge them to complete their projects before then. Scott Anderson noted that the village could require a completion bond for the deadline and if it is in danger of exceeding the deadline, the village could take over the project and finish it using the developer's funds.

Member Clark noted that he liked the tar strips that were used to patch the roads. Chairman Armstrong stated that there would be no RFP going out.

Chairman Armstrong inquired of Scott Anderson the status of the culvert dip on Bradley Road at the south end of Oasis Park. Scott Anderson replied that nothing is being done until the asphalt plants open up in spring, and that he also wanted to wait until the culvert had completely settled before starting the project. He stated that the work would have a two year warranty.

E. DISCUSSION OF THE 2015 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Scott Anderson said that the plowing and salt activity was going fine, and that he was waiting for the balance information of what salt was used before ordering more. He further stated that Lake Forest, who stores the salt for Mettawa had no further storage to accept more salt until some was used. Chairman Armstrong noted that only one mailbox was lost during the plowing activities thus far. Bob Irvin estimated that the plowing and salting expense might be $1/3 - 1/2$ expenses of 2014.

F. DRAINAGE

Scott Anderson thought that there might be drainage issues along Bradley Road, and he will take care of it in the springtime, but overall, there should be less drainage issues this year. Member Towne noted that there was a trail plan underway and he will have a plan by next month to share with the committee. Chairman Armstrong advised that he was working with the church along Bradley Road to get their drainage issue fixed. Member Towne stated that he noticed of late that there were more cars than parking spaces, and some were parked on the grass. He thought that they might expect a permit application soon.

G. WATER LINES

Bob Irvin who was in negotiations with Novak about the water line for the past two years now reported that a new project manager has taken over and feels that the cost would be prohibitive, as if they were starting over again reviewing the project. He talked to the village attorney Jim Ferolo suggested that they have a deadline for the private waterline project and should it exceed, to pull the letter of credit and have the village finish the project themselves. He felt that Novak was largely unresponsive to his initiatives. Member Towne suggesting putting plans out to bid. Bob Irvin noted that the private cost would be cheaper than getting the village involved. Scott Anderson stated that on the June 17th deadline the letter of credit would be due and this party was granted a special dispensation to build based on Lake Michigan water access. After consulting village attorney Ferolo, Mayor Urlacher noted that the homes built will not pass inspection without water access and they could not sink a well without village approval. Bob Irvin cautioned that the June 17th deadline was too far out to generate a sense of urgency and Member Towne noted that Novak's change of personnel has contributed to the lack of resolving this issue.

Chairman Armstrong shared that he consulted Ferolo about the apportionment cost per parcel and it was decided that the value basis was more equitable, as those who stood to gain greater property value would benefit more from the water main installation. Member Towne mentioned again pursuing federal funds to assist in the cost of this project, to which Scott Anderson replied that the funding thus far has been for replacement of aging equipment and repair projects, not new installations. Bob Irvin advised that there were low interest loans available, but not grants for new installations, however, he would look again.

H. 2015 BUDGET

Chairman Armstrong inquired any further additions to the budget, to which Bob Irvin replied that he edited the last changes and the budget is ready to be presented to the village board at the March meeting. He also noted that the WRD plan would not be approved until May and he did not want to guess at the numbers for the budget, but a budget amendment was possible. Bob Irvin further mentioned that the committee of the whole meeting was scheduled for 2/21/15, and any decisions about building resulting in expenditures could be plugged into the budget yet.

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

Chairman Armstrong noted that a potential development on the horizon for the restaurant property could involve the village, since they are proposing a joint use structure. Bob Irvin noted that the 12/8/2018 annex deadline would dissolve for the restaurant property, and the Hamilton Partners, village and Korhumel property owners must agree on the intended use. Member Clark suggested listening to any proposals of the new development now in discussion. Chairman Armstrong would like more information sooner and would be calling the developer, White Lodging to pursue this, at Mayor Urlacher's behest. Member Towne voiced that he would be interested in the economic development of a hotel/restaurant, but not necessarily a joint use for village hall.

J. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting 7:24p.m., seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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