

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2024 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Smolic called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Smolic and Members Clark and Pelech

Absent: None

Chairman Smolic declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Trustees Towne and Armstrong

Resident: Meegan McMillian

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY

The minutes of the regular meeting for January 10, 2024 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Pelech and seconded by Member Clark that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TREE REMOVAL PROJECT

Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied Dunlap Tree Experts will commence this project next week. Member Clark asked Member Pelech if resident Barry McLean was going to remove the tree that is located on the right-of-way of his parcel. Member Pelech confirmed Mr. McLean will handle the removal of the tree.

E. DISCUSS A WATERMAIN CONNECTION FOR THE RESIDENTS AT 25771 AND 25779 N. ST. MARYS ROAD

Chairman Smolic stated this Committee explores watermain connections for residents when a request is received. As a result of our recent surveying for residents along Little St. Marys Road and Old School Road, the installation cost was received for about \$1M. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated the Lake County public watermain connection goes around W.W. Grainger business park and on the south parkway of IL Route 60. There are a few options. One is to get permission from W.W. Grainger to cross their property to tie into their watermain. Mrs. McMillian indicated they have an easement from their prior driveway which is where the utility lines were installed up to their parcels. Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated an individual service connection or a main connection can be more expensive. However, Village Engineer Scott Anderson recommended the two residents to converse with W.W. Grainger for a possible connection to their main. Another note, the single service connection could not support both homes. Trustee Towne reminded the Committee the resident on Imperial Drive did complete his own watermain connection with a recapture agreement from the Village from the main located on Route IL 60. Mrs. McMillian indicated she would like to continue to utilize her well for irrigation but have Lake County water for her home. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied she will need to ensure she

receives permission from Lake County to continue to utilize her well. Village Administrator Florip indicated she will provide a contact for Grainger via email. Village Engineer Scott Anderson mentioned to McMillan to speak to Lake County to discuss their pipe size requirements based on the square feet of her home. The resident will research her options through Lake County and her own engineering firm.

F. DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR FY2024-2025 BUDGET

Chairman Smolic requested from the Village Engineer an estimate to address the Old School Road ditch drainage issue. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied he will obtain this information for next month. Chairman Smolic added this ditch area is always wet even in the warmer days. Member Pelech stated she took a number of pictures when Lake County was resurfacing St. Marys Road knowing this project was going to create some type of flooding in her area. Member Pelech added she would like to avoid higher levels of water towards the properties. Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated a survey of the current water flow will need to be assessed to ensure the natural water flow is not being disturbed. A single- or double-barrel culvert underground will support the additional water in this area without disturbing the current water drainage. Village Engineer Scott Anderson commented one of the residents off Old School Road installed large stones, which impact water absorption.

Chairman Smolic requested that the right-of-way tree removal budget be increased by \$5K to ensure most dead trees are cleared in the winter. Chairman Smolic asked the Village Engineer Scott Anderson if completing this extensive crack sealing project would provide longevity to when the roads required resurfacing. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied it depends on the failure of the road, if sealing a crack prevents water from getting into the base, yes. Another factor is about the subgrade of the road, if it stays wet or dry due to the ditch drainage, this can also impact the roads duration. Completing crack sealing supports the roads to stay dry which can prolong when they need to be resurfaced.

Chairman Smolic indicated he would like to reduce the MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park capital project amount. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated Mettawa's may be limited to receiving additional grant funding since there is no structure damage to report. Chairman Smolic confirmed he would like to keep the budget at \$400K.

G. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Smolic stated the Tollway acknowledged that the east Oasis Service Drive is their responsibility. They will pay for the resurfacing of this road. Village Administrator Florip reported the Tollway does not anticipate completing this project until 2027. The Tollway indicated they assessed the road's condition and at this time it is considered adequate.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pelech to adjourn the meeting at 6:44pm.
The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk