

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10, 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 7:15 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 Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Drew Johnson (of MOLA), Mayor-elect Casey Urlacher and Deputy Village Clerk, Colleen Liberacki.

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

Meeting minutes from March 13, 2013 were reviewed and Member Clark noted two exceptions: 1) Under Item H, second paragraph, there should be a new paragraph starting with the sentence "Member Towne stated that the ILM report quoted..." since it was another topic and did not have any association with the previous sentence. 2) Under Item I, 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph, 3<sup>rd</sup> sentence, Member Clark really meant that the Village did not have any immediate plans to pursue referenced trail. It was moved by Chairman Armstrong, and seconded by Member Towne that the meeting minutes were approved as presented, with aforementioned exceptions noted. The motion was carried.

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

Scott Anderson reported that Jim Ferolo is working on the bids. Chairman Armstrong would like this task completed as soon as possible, since it was carried over from the last meeting.

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

Scott Anderson reported that he emailed Linane on Monday, and has not heard back from him as of yet. Member Clark advised that he would email truck weight limit to Anderson to finish this task.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that the maintenance would start the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of May, or later if necessary. Member Towne and Scott Anderson noted that the trails are in pretty good shape and the limestone raking and compacting will be due but possibly not needed until next month. Member Towne mentioned the ILM proposal is still pending regarding the storm water maintenance throughout the village. Chairman Armstrong felt that there were drawbacks to having an unoccupied building and that Howe Security should have keys to regularly check on the condition.

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

Member Towne stated that the Board has not made a decision regarding rebuild vs. remodel. Member Clark noted that there needed to be a discussion with Stryker of HSBC for office rental space and Member Towne agreed to pursue that. Member Towne will pursue Board to make a decision regarding renting, rebuild or remodel, as he has gone as far as he can with obtaining remodel and repair estimates on the St. Mary's Road property recently purchased.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that regarding Sanctuary Estates, Patrick Glenn of and Village attorney Jim Ferolo are still pursuing an intergovernmental agreement with Lake County in order to let Dean Schaeffer connect.

Chairman Armstrong reported that for the SSA of Area 2 there is a proposed ordinance in May and a public hearing scheduled in July and would like final figures by then. Someone mentioned the possibility of a bond, but Chairman Armstrong advised that because the properties involved were non-contiguous, this would not be possible and an SSA is the way to proceed. He further stated that the upcoming Board meeting should decide the bond rate for the SSA.

Chairman Armstrong reported that the cost for the Area 1 SSA is \$407K. Chairman Armstrong thought that resident Stokovich should be notified ahead of time, as his property is valued more so than the others and he would be impacted more.

Member Towne offered to talk to Oelsen for the purpose of negotiating water access if the resident would agree to give them access to the easement trail link. Chairman Armstrong reported that he also was in touch with this neighbor and believes that the committee should find out the cost for running water to the parcel and adding a berm to block the view of the trail. If it was under \$60K, this might be feasible. Member Towne thought that the boardwalk over the wetland issue would need to be addressed, but felt confident that a variance could be worked out.

**I. DRAINAGE**

Member Towne talked to Newberg and reported that the county needs to drain the inlet, but the Leahy drainage is working great. Anderson advised that he will seed and blanket the Newberg area this week. Member Towne noted that the drainage near the Widdes property was moving faster now that it was not frozen and the status is still the same for the south side of Old School Road, as the water is still not moving between Little St. Mary's Road and the curve.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that this was covered in the Parks & Recreation Committee meeting, as part of Item D.

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

Mayor-elect Casey Urlacher noted that the properties to the north and south of him were in poor condition, most notably the one occupied by the owner of Woody's Tree Service. Urlacher stated that with permission he had removed and transferred at least a ton of wood chips from this property to his own, and yet he still has brown runoff coming from this property into his pond. He further stated the house looks unoccupied, and both Chairman Armstrong and Member Towne offered to look into this situation in their around the town evaluations and propose some solutions to address this issue.

As a follow up from emails received from resident Lydia Donato about the potential safety liability of the ponds located at Riverwoods & Bradley Roads and Riverwoods & Route 60 Roads, there was a determination made that the one pond that was inside the village (Riverwoods & Bradley) did not represent a liability threat and the other pond (Riverwoods & Route 60) was owned by the state and that the Village of Mettawa should write a letter to the state, suggesting installation of a guardrail to avert potential disaster. Member Clark offered to report status to resident Donato regarding the committee's findings.

**L. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 pm, seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

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Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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