

**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14, 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 6:03 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL**

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

Present: Chairman Armstrong and Member Towne

Absent: Member Clark

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 JULY 10, 2013 MEETING.**

Meeting minutes from July 10, 2013 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. BRADLEY ROAD**

Chairman Armstrong was not inclined to patch Bradley Road if it was going to be paved next year, however Member Towne noted areas of concern that should be addressed. Member Towne sited a dangerous spot near Springfield Stables, and on Trail Drive a one-foot hole, close to the tollway access road. Scott Anderson sited a spot by Twin Drive and also one located near the church property. Chairman Armstrong thought that they could check for responsibility of road ownership near the service drive to the tollway, and possibly the state would repair that portion. Scott Anderson thought he could take care of patch repairs on all sites mentioned for approximately \$1500. Chairman Armstrong thought if the repairs were less than \$1000, it would fall under the village maintenance agreement, omitting the need for a proposal.

**F. DISCUSSION OF THE ROAD RESTRICTIONS**

Scott Anderson reported that the ordered signs should be in any day. Bob Irvin reported that the notification letters to Fedex and UPS are ready to go upon receipt of the awaited signs, which would then be posted. He further stated that he has requests into Lake County Dept. of Transportation and Green Oaks asking for permission to post two of the signs in their jurisdiction.

**G. DISCUSSION OF THE MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES**

Chairman Armstrong inquired when Brickman should be mowing again. Anderson replied that one mowing is eminent and another will take place in September. Member Towne noted that Buss Landscaping did a nice job in the business park and asked if they could be

considered for the real estate that the Village is waiting to acquire, which Brickman is not doing. Chairman Armstrong and Anderson felt that they wanted to keep the same vendor for all Village properties; that Brickman was doing a satisfactory job and when it was bid out earlier, Brickman's bid was chosen.

Scott Anderson presented a bid tabulation that was the result of a previously published request for bids for multiple village sites, however, the details for the scope of the job were incomplete for one of the tasks. The new bid tabulation was for the tree trimming and brush removal inside the Village and other tasks were included that added to the scope of the job and increased the bid amount to over \$20K. Member Towne saw this as a problem, because this is the threshold at which a new published bid request is required. Chairman Armstrong will ask the Village Board to waive the bid publication and accept the lowest responsible bidder. Bob Irvin also spoke with Ferolo about this and the village attorney did not think this would be a problem.

Anderson has a \$15K proposal for the trail maintenance that needs to go on the Village Board Agenda that did not make the previous month's agenda.

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

Chairman Armstrong reported that the status of Area 1 SSA formation does not look promising, as 6 out of 13 residents do not want the costs associated with Lake Michigan water access. He further reported that Area 2 SSA formation is falling apart due to the Lake Michigan water access being withheld until the Village agrees to a contract for security from the Lake County Sheriff Office. One resident who was formerly supporting the Area 2 SSA went ahead and made upgrades to his well system due to the lack of progress with the project and is no longer interested in participating.

Chairman Armstrong expressed disappointment with the Lake County Administration who initially agreed to provide water access and after the Village spent funds on the engineering portion of the project, withheld it. Bob Irvin stated he did contact Ann Maine, the Lake County Board Representative, but to no avail. Bob Irvin also suggesting notifying residents involved that the project is indefinitely on hold. Chairman Armstrong thought that homeowner Novak has or will file a lawsuit because the county has withheld water access without a police protection contract.

Bob Irvin thinks that at the very least, he has encouraged the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. to think more creatively, more outside the box, explaining to them that Mettawa is a unique community. He has asked for a formal denial letter from the county, but is not confident he will receive one. Chairman Armstrong felt that the right protection must be considered for their Village, not to accommodate the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. with a contract so that the Village may have water access. Member Towne noted that Mettawa already pays the Lake County Sheriff's Dept. \$60K annually for services and yet the villages of Mill Creek and Wadsworth pay nothing for protection. Member Towne also noted that the county has to patrol Forest Haven and Imperial Woods, so they already have a presence in Mettawa.

**I. DRAINAGE**

Member Towne reported that the drainage is overall going good. Anderson reported the one exception to that was the drainage along the church property on Old School Road.

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

Roger Lane felt that there was a problem with the stop sign at the railroad crossing on Old School Road. He stated frequently that he would have to come to a sudden stop to accommodate the bicyclists that fail to obey the stop sign. He suggested removing the bicycle sign and there would be less confusion on the bikers' part, and what would be left would be the stop sign and an arrow. There was some discussion that police could not ticket motorists due to the proximity of the stop sign to the railroad crossing. Lane felt it would be effective to ticket the bicyclists that fail to obey the stop sign and they would be more inclined to adhere to the rule. Although Chairman Armstrong and Member Towne agreed, Bob Irvin thought that the drivers could easily get out of the ticket.

**K. ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved by Chairman Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 5:58 pm, seconded by Member Towne. The motion was carried.

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Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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