

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 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 6:17 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Armstrong, Member Towne and Member Clark

Absent: None

Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

Also in attendance: Mayor Urlacher, Bob Irvin, Village Administrator; Scott Anderson, Village Engineer; Tom Hines, Resident; Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk; Matt Lehan of CIORBA. Chairman Armstrong declared a quorum present.

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM AUGUST 14, 2013 & OCTOBER 09, 2013 MEETINGS.

Meeting minutes from August 14, 2013 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Towne, and seconded by Member Clark that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

Meeting minutes from October 09, 2013 were reviewed and it was moved by Member Towne, and seconded by Member Clark that the meeting minutes were approved as presented. The motion was carried.

D. ROAD MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Matt Lehan of CIORBA submitted a draft plan to the committee and is now waiting for IDOT clearance of wetlands, biological factors, etc. He was trying to get status of the environmental clearances, but so far no progress. Once received, he anticipated a short turnaround time. He further stated that federal funding was still an option and he will not move forward until the Village Board gives him direction. Anderson inquired if there was any change to the latest draft, to which Lehan replied no, except for the cross section of the south end of Bradley Road. Lehan shared the IDOT Letting Schedule with the committee members after the anticipated Phase 1 approval. He cautioned Right-of-way and appraisals are still a consideration, as well as getting design variances at stop sign locations and reduction of shoulder width that had yet to be approved by IDOT.

Member Clark felt that they might have to sacrifice the rural character of the village in order to accept federal funding for this work. He wanted the 11ft lane width and 2ft shoulder width that may not be an option with the federal funding. Anderson questioned about the truck traffic restrictions being allowed with this plan, to which Lehan replied that it was not a problem. Chairman Armstrong was concerned that IDOT might change their mind after the

consent was given, to which Lehan replied that all decisions would be in writing after Phase One and not reversible. Mayor Urlacher questioned if Bradley Road is a federal road, to which Lehan replied that it is in the FAU system and accepting funds is key to status.

Bob Irvin thought that the right-of-ways would be hard to obtain and would not like to go down that path of condemnation process as an alternative. And if the right-of-ways were affecting a non-resident, they would surely want something in return. Member Towne advised that all land being discussed is in the village. Member Clark suggested testing the water on the right-of-ways and see if there was any pushback. Chairman Armstrong agreed, that there was nothing to lose. Member Clark offered to attempt this by a call to those involved in the right-of-ways. Matt Lehan promised he would call tomorrow to Househ, IDOT Lake County representative to inquire about the Phase One draft. Chairman Armstrong advised Lehan that the Village Board was not in favor of federal funding. Bob Irvin inquired of the cost of submitting the Phase One draft, to which Lehan replied that the Phase One draft is 95% finished. Member Clark felt that he was in favor of full paving, rather than resurfacing Bradley Road.

CIORBA was directed to pursue Phase I completion with the signed restrictions from the state. Once these are received, the village can decide which way to proceed, either using federal funding or decline the use of Federal funding.

Mayor Urlacher reported that the Meadowwoods Road shoulders looked good and all present agreed.

E. DISCUSSION OF THE ROAD RESTRICTIONS

Chairman Armstrong reported that he noted six trucks passing north and south after returning from vacation and feels that the police are not satisfactorily patrolling the road, since the new restrictions have been posted. He inquired about the patrol schedule. Member Towne agreed with this traffic assessment.. Member Clark observed cement trucks on Little St. Mary Road making U-turns. Also, there is a consideration for the county as to when they are writing tickets, because it is determined which body gets the ticket revenue: Village of Mettawa v. Lake County Sheriff time.

Chairman Armstrong felt that Lake County Sheriff should focus on the truck traffic. Bob Irvin replied that request would be a contradiction to push for more service when the village communicates to the Lake County Sheriff's office that they want emergency service only. This statement was the result of the LC Sheriff denying the Lake Michigan water access unless the village would consent to purchasing more service time from them. Chairman Armstrong felt that the communication should be between them and the LC Sheriff's office, not the LC administrator, and that the village was comfortable with the status quo. Member Clark agreed with Chairman Armstrong. Bob Irvin is still waiting for the LC administrator to come back with some creative options, and will call LC Sheriff's office to remind them that the truck restriction signs are up and enforceable.

F. DISCUSSION OF 2013 – 2014 PLOWING AND SALTING

Scott Anderson reported that the salt is ready to be used and they have salt left over from last year to use. The village of Mettawa had a contract with the village of Lake Forest for

storage and loading and should be renewed for the 2013 – 2014 year. Member Clark inquired what the standard was for spreading salt. Anderson replied that there was no set rule or direction, just as needed and if the snow appeared to be sticking. Bob Irvin added that the police do not hesitate to call and alert the village where salting is needed.

G. DISCUSSION OF THE 2013 MAINTENANCE ACTIVITIES

Chairman Armstrong inquired of those present if there was any additional maintenance needed. Anderson replied that the south end of Bradley Road (southbound end of lane) should be patched, due to a pothole. Member Towne noted that this would be in the Ehlers & Juhrend contract for the dumping of the excavation spoils, and will be deducted from the final payment to the village. He also noted that Anderson could do it for a third of the cost of what Ehlers & Juhrend would charge.

H. DRAINAGE

Member Towne reported that the drainage is overall going good.

I. WATER LINE SSA AND EXTENTIONS STATUS/ACTIONS REPORT

Chairman Armstrong reported that this discussion is tabled until Mayor Urlacher can progress with discussions. Mayor Urlacher reported that it has been 90 days since the meeting in August and he is still waiting.

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

Member Clark noted that the railroad crossings is starting to get rough, that the timber ties are rotting. He will call the telephone number on the sign posted to report the status and see if he can get someone to fix the problem.

K. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Towne to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 pm, seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Colleen Liberacki, Deputy Village Clerk

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