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BY AREA OF VILLAGE

Accomplishments for residents in the Southeast Area of Mettawa

1. Renegotiated Costco contract and changed landscaping plan
   a. Increased and assisted on design of landscaping at all areas of Costco
   b. Reduced cost of new membership for residents
   c. Donated pond fish to local resident (pond was filled-in for underground storm water)
   d. Established exit turn restrictions to reduce traffic to south
   e. Established controls of the types of business that can replace Costco if they leave
   f. Other terms
2. Facilitate landscaping payments by Costco to residents located across from Costco
3. Church Property (19 acres south of Costco) control of farm equipment and storage
4. Zen Center – ZPA denial of temple construction in residential area
5. Park Planning – designed two 5-acre lots owned by Village off Everett
6. Interfaced with LCFP regarding a trail along Everett Rd. between Riverwoods and St. Marys
   a. Working with Forest Preserve; established higher priority for new trail to be installed along north side of Everett linking the existing trail from the Tollway Bridge to St. Marys
   b. Discussions with Grainger re: Village installing connecting trail north along the west side of Riverwoods from the new FP trail (once installed) up to Shagbark Rd.

Accomplishments for residents in the Southwest Area of Mettawa

1. Open-House at Grainger for residents to see inside “green” building and learn more about their neighbors
2. Addressed home owner security concerns at and near Riverside Preserve development
3. Culvert/drainage issue resolved along St. Marys
4. JAWA Water options presented to homeowners
5. Trespassing signs delivered to deter break-ins at residents
6. New traffic light with battery backup at St. Marys/Rt. 60 & at Grainger/Deerpath entrance
7. Purchased property at SW corner of St. Marys/Rt. 60 for possible Village Hall site while controlling commercial development at the corner

**Accomplishments for residents in the Northwest Area of Mettawa**

1. Annexed five acres of McLean property into Village that was not previously in the Village
2. Completed tree trimming and removal of fallen trees around roads
3. JAWA Water expansion offered to area residents as alternative to wells
4. Repaved west Old School Rd./addressing the paving estimates for Little St. Marys Rd.
5. AT&T repeaters installed along St. Marys for better cell and home service
6. Road/Culvert repairs made to Little St. Marys and Old School Roads
7. Culvert improvements made for better drainage

**Accomplishments for residents in the North Area of Mettawa**

1. Reduced speed limits from 30 to 25 for trail users along Old School Rd.
2. Native landscaping and new trail installed along Old School near St. Marys
3. Trail improvements made with the installation of new top coat–resulting in less erosion
4. Repaved all connector roads to/and including Meadowoods Rd.
5. Culvert repairs made along Old School to improve drainage
6. Trail Signs designed and installed
   a. Jack Tindall dedication of one trail along Old School as memorial to his public service to Village
7. Road sealing/patching accomplished to extend life of Old School roadbed
8. Fence and trail wash-out repair made at railroad crossing
9. Bradley bridge repaving- new fencing installed/ agreements signed for snow removal

**Accomplishments for residents in the Northeast Area of Mettawa**

1. Reduced speed limit from 30 to 25 on Bradley Rd. to improve safety for trail users
2. Collaborated with nearby resident to purchase 5 of 10 acres for sale by Serbian Church to thereby eliminated the possibility of the Church exiting the Village to gain denser zoning options for development
3. Arranged for an Open House of Springfield Stables when first opened
   a. Worked with owner of Springfield Stables to install an east wall along their property to reduce tollway views for residents along Bradley Rd.
4. Light Shades installed at Oasis lighting to block light emission on residents
5. Oasis sight-wall which had blown down- replaced with tree plantings approved by HOA
   a. Red Maples also added to further aid in sight/noise abatement
   b. Working with HOA at the Enclave, Village funded SSA to add evergreens to shield sight/sounds of tollway for residents
6. Worked with Illinois Tollway Authority on:
   a. Improving the landscaping at Oasis to help screen views by residents, at the north entrance ramp
   b. Re-installed “no-breaking” signs to reduce truck noise to nearby residents
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c. Trash pick-up monitored and managed
7. Purchased 20 acres of open land at Oasis to prevent commercial development
   a. Annexed one 12 acre parcel of Oasis land into Village
   b. Designed berm/passive park for resident use and blocking Oasis views
8. Repaved Mettawa Lane
9. Redesign of trail to be re-routed more to the east and off/along Bradley Rd.
10. Applied for grants to repave Bradley Rd. and install new trail design (70% discount if used)

Accomplishments for the Commercial Area of Mettawa (Riverwoods Blvd.)

1. Trail easements secured from building owner of the CDW building to extend trails behind
   building and eventually connect to Rt. 60 trail to the tollway bridge walkway
2. Assisted Clear One wireless broadband wireless service be installed on top of CDW building to
   provide better wireless service alternatives for residents
3. New trails installed with multiple emergency access points for residents and commercial zone
   a. Bradley Rd. south to connect with Whippoorwill trail – two access areas to Bradley
   b. Whippoorwill Park trail extended through restoration area and behind Korhumel site to
      connect to Deerpath Farms trails
   c. Razed most Korhumel site buildings and converted space to open park lands
   d. Installed large berm at corner of Rt. 60 and Riverwoods Blvd. to block traffic views for
      residents and trail users
4. HSBC/Capital One
   a. Held open house for residents so they could see the many “green” features of the
      building
   b. Helped secure employee volunteers for MOLA work at Whippoorwill restoration site
   c. Helped secure donation to MOLA from HSBC and CDW
   d. Pond investments paid for to improve the function and beauty of “rain-garden” at the
      corner of Bradley/ Riverwoods Blvd.
   e. Worked to ensure size of Capital One signs met Village Code
5. Hotel
   a. Moved Village meetings to Hotel for convenience/support for residents
   b. Established the Hotel as Village mailing address for correspondence
   c. Adjusted liquor licenses to extend hours for liquor service thus enabling the hotel to
      better compete for wedding reception business
      i. Raised license fees to be in line with surrounding municipalities
   d. Adjusted liquor license to sell beer/wine from Canteen for guests of Hotel
   e. Negotiated hotel discounts for residents
6. Corner of Bradley/Riverwoods Blvd. --landscaping – removed trees and tall grasses; installed
   split-rail fencing to improve sight lines and vistas views
7. Annual road patching on Bradley/Riverwoods. Blvd. accomplished street line striping installed
   and repainted as needed, especially crossing marks for trails
8. Revised and installed Signs Ordinance to limit heavy through-trucks on our roads?
9. Acquired 2.4 acre Commercial Restaurant on west side of Riverwoods Blvd. parcel near trails?
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BY TOPIC -- Accomplished these Village-wide programs

Administrative
1. Appointed new Village Clerk
2. Consolidated Village Files to nearby storage area with fire protection from five separate locations which were not protected
3. Redesigned and established ZPA by combining two previous zoning Commissions
4. Improved the way we update changes made to our code. Initiated updating of online code as ordinances are past
5. Recruited committee and commissioners based on age/location and demographics of Village
6. Re-established three Village Committees; Finance, Public Works, Parks and Recreation and created new Safety and Security Commission
7. Designed and established Monthly Officer activity reports
8. Established Monday “Around-the-town” meetings with Village Engineer to stay current on all permitting and building projects
9. Amended/corrected 100 Village Ordinances to eliminate ambiguities or fix language to strengthen our zoning
10. Designed, established and installed two new Websites for Village
   a. Mayor paid for one redesign personally
11. Established salt storage at Lake Forest Service facility for better inventory of salt
12. Initiated process of sending welcome letters to new residents from Mayor

Transparency
13. Changed Ordinance to no longer requiring notices of Village meetings be stapled to two telephone poles in the Village as way to inform residents
14. Changed policy of the newspaper used for Village legal notices from the Waukegan Sun which did not deliver in the Village to the Daily Herald – and arranged for Village-wide distribution
15. Established first ever “committee of the whole” meetings for resident feedback
16. Designed and established first Village Strategic Plan with resident participation and input
17. Designed and established first Village Logo/Stationery designs and program --Logo designed by resident, Ginny Bartholomay
18. Initiated resident coffees for periodical resident discussions and feedback to Mayor and Trustees
19. Produced first ever resident picnic to celebrate Village’s 50 year anniversary
20. Set up Village garbage service as free resident service- previously paid for by residents
   Established new Village Security service to protect residents
   a. Established Neighborhood Watch areas
   b. Established Blackboard Connect for email/phone alerts
   c. Set up the “No Solicitors” signs program designed along with new ordinance
   d. Added storm warning sirens at Oasis for improved and more accurate storm warnings
21. Established the first ever Village resident surveys – three in four years
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Fiscal Stewardship
22. Designed and established Village Treasurer Summary Report
23. Changed our accounting from “cash-accounting” to “accrual-accounting” and updated our FASB/GASB compliance
24. Established first ever email distribution system for resident communication; thereby reducing cost of traditional paper newsletters and notices to residents
25. Change Attorney Firm to a larger firm and moved to a “retainer” contract saving the Village well over $100,000 annually, plus reduce legal fee rates residents have to pay
26. Brought three years of delinquent audits current and on-time
    a. Changed auditors
27. Established new Village wide plowing contracts – reduced expense with township services
28. Improved Village Bond Rating up one level
29. Produced four years of Budget Surplus
30. Changed our Deputy Treasure/Financial Consultant three times to improve control and timeliness of information
    a. Settled two lawsuits – refund to Village of legal fees regarding Costco law suit
    b. Re-negotiated Costco purchase agreement
31. Designed and established systemized Village Budgeting process
32. Used State buying service for salt to lower price and add flexibility of additional “in-season” buys
33. Established a policy to include and update the Village’s assets base which include owned property
34. Invested in Village assets for Village clerk, e.g., computer, copier, phone, etc.

Security
35. Created better street visibility by twice-annually trimming grass/weeds along Village roads/trails
36. Created the first “neighborhood watch” program for the Village and certain subdivisions
37. Working with LFD installed two new fire resident address signs for residents safety north of 60
    a. Also worked with LFD to install sirens for better coverage of weather warnings
38. Established new solicitation Ordinance and “no-soliciting” signs for the Village

Protect against Commercial Development
39. Purchased land parcels for open land below appraised value
    a. Oasis – 2 purchases
    b. Conversion of Korhumel properties to Village ownership and open space
    c. SW corner parcel at rt. 60 and St. Marys
    d. Restaurant site along the west side of Riverwoods Blvd. –2.6 acres
40. Moved the ownership of the “buffer” property between Bradley and Riverwoods Blvd. Roads to protect this area, now with trails, as open space
41. Used contractor fees to improve the area along Old School Rd. with new trails and plantings making this area consistent with Mettawa rural character
42. Established a “large property owner” seminar to educate residents on options available to them at the federal and state level to move their land on their properties under conservation easements which limits development of the land.

43. To date: three residents have taken steps in the conservation easement area to control their large properties, thereby maintaining our rural-open space Village character.
   a. Covington property into conservation easement – 19 acres
   b. Brennan property under Ill Stewardship program – 10 acres
   c. Cohen property under Ill Stewardship program – 20 acres

**Beautification of Village**

44. Established several “passive” Parks within Village and began land management process based on sustainability.

45. Established first multiple community grant for green space (Lincolnshire/Bannockburn)

46. Extended and labeled Village Trail System

**New Resident Services/Benefits**

47. Established quarterly newsletters and annual reports to communicate accomplishments in the Village and to keep residents informed on Village issues and resident information – designed and redesigned for easier reading.

48. Updated and redesigned the Village website twice for better transparency and support for residents and those homebuyers considering to buy in Mettawa.

49. Established and conducted three resident satisfaction and input surveys to give residents input to their Village Board.

50. Established Village-wide Distribution of the Daily Herald Newspaper

51. Added Village trails

52. Added Village Open Lands

53. Established a new weekly meeting with Village Engineer ensuring building project or permits do not get stalled in the Village

54. Established Electricity Cost Reduction program for residents

55. Established Tax Rebates paid twice, annually – provided largest payout in 2012 of 10X

56. Designed and circulated resident feedback surveys
   a. Latest one designed and run by resident Bob Hollar

57. Established Garbage Service paid by Village which offered a pre-tax benefit for residents

58. Hosted a resident meeting of large property owners to educate them about Conservation Easement options.

59. Dropped Village legal rates residents have to pay when working with the Village--- from $355/hr to $255/hr

60. Working with Equestrian Connection to allow them to conduct a foot race on Village trails to raise contributions for their wonderful work with physically children.

61. Sent several emails to residents to alert them to charity work or contribution needs in the Village.