

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, OCTOBER 13, 2021 WAS HELD VIA ZOOM

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pink called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

The Village President has made the determination that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent because of the COVID-19 pandemic. As the head of this public body, the Village President has the authority to act on the Board's direction, based on the September 17, 2021, Disaster Declaration made by Governor Pritzker. The Village President has based this determination on the current trending cases.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Pink and Members Bohm and Clark

Absent: None

Chairman Pink declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Trustee Towne; Village Treasurer, Amy Weiland

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the regular meeting for September 8, 2021 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE OF THE STORMWATER PROJECT AT 15390 LITTLE ST. MARYS ROAD

Chairman Pink stated the bid specification documentation has been prepared and it will go out to bid in January. Hey and Associates, Inc. has also completed the supplement topographic survey and is working on the wetland field investigation. The final documents will be presented to the Board for their approval.

E. DISCUSS JAMES ANDERSON MAINTENANCE ON THE DITCHES

Village Engineer Scott Anderson added it is Forest Builders doing the work, not James Anderson. The Village Engineers drove around the Village and made the determination that one of the worst ditches is located on Old School Road west of St. Marys Road. It has been about 10 years since this ditch has been cleared and the land is starting to erode. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated this project would start west of St. Marys Road by Pegaso Farm's entrance. Lake County is currently working on St. Marys Road. Member Clark remarked the new culvert installed by Lake County as part of the St. Marys Road construction is facing west. The spinoff is facing west and it's about 2 feet north from the existing culvert. Member Clark asked what is their plan in connecting these two culverts. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied this action was intentional by Lake County. Lake County will center the ditch away from the pavement and make it shallower with the grading. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added they reviewed Lake County's

construction plans and they agreed with the submitted plans. Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated the issue with the Village's culverts are that they were built too close to the roads. The closeness results in the ditches being formed steep which is not ideal for supporting heavy waterfall. Village Engineer Scott Anderson commented the recent resident culvert enlargement installed at Brad Buell's addressed his water drainage flow.

Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated another area for the ditches to be cleared would be on Bradley Road. The west side of the road has a few areas that are blocked and require clearing to improve the water flow.

Chairman Pink stated Dave Kraft from Hey & Associates, Inc. will be visiting the Village tomorrow and he will assess the new culvert installed on the west side of St. Marys Road and Old School Road. Although, Mr. Kraft also agreed that Lake County's new culvert was an improvement to that corner. Member Clark mentioned the curb located on Old School Road has a culvert by her property. This ditch will also need to be cleared. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said to clear debris from one culvert to the next and rebuilding any slope will improve the water flow in that area. Restoring the land in the ditches is the highest expense in this project.

Chairman Pink indicated the ditch cleaning plans will include; starting at Pegaso Farms entrance on Old School Road and going west. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated this area is a quarter mile which can result in consumption of the whole budget on just this road. Chairman Pink stated Bradley Road would also be included in this cleaning project. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied 5-10 feet of minor excavation would be performed to remove some blockage and clear the swampy areas on Bradley Road. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added his concern with starting this project in November would mean the grass would not be able to grow prior to the spring and result in the ditches being worse off. Member Bohm indicated unless we have trouble areas that need to be addressed immediately, this project can be delayed until after spring. The Committee's consensus was to address this project in the spring.

Trustee Towne agreed the project should be delayed for next year. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the worst ditches were addressed by Misfits Construction during the recent stormwater project. Village Administrator Florip asked the Village Engineer if he could provide an estimate for all of the Village's ditches. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied the variable is estimating the cost to restore the land. Each location will require different levels of material or equipment to be completed. The Committee agreed to table this agenda item for next spring. Chairman Pink said this project will be discussed at March's Committee meeting.

F. DISCUSS THE VILLAGE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES TRIM AND REMOVAL LIST

Chairman Pink said she drove the Village with Village Engineer Jamie Anderson to determine which trees should be removed. A comprehensive listing of trees to be removed was provided to the Committee. Trees listed under #23 and #24 will now be removed. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the listed trees are in the Village's right-of-way. Member Bohm asked if the contractor will know how to handle the trees listed, trim only. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied yes, they should remove the dead wood on the tree. Chairman Pink indicated if the lowest bidder is too costly, we will need to reconsider the trees on the list. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added he anticipates this project to be under \$20,000. If the proposals received from the contractors exceed \$25,000, the project will then need to go out to bid. Village Engineer Scott

Anderson said Dunlap, Canopy, Perfect Cut and Lucas Landscaping will receive the following project.

G. DISCUSS THE LOCATION OF THE TRAFFIC CALMING SIGNALS

Trustee Armstrong stated various locations have been discussed for the placement of the traffic signals. Both Member Bohm and Trustee Towne have provided their feedback to Trustee Armstrong on location options. One traffic signal will be placed on Bradley Road, between Riverwoods Blvd and the Forest Haven subdivision. The second placement would be 150 feet west from the resident Ruppe's property (14310 W. Old School Road). This resident has plenty of buckthorn that will screen them from the sign lights. Trustee Armstrong said Old School Road has two problematic locations that a sign can be placed. Trustee Armstrong asked the Village Engineer if a new traffic sign could be added to existing smaller signs on the south end of Old School Road. Village Engineer Scott Anderson commented the area of the sign is the potential problem along the foundation of the poles not the weight of the sign. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he would like to install a 9-foot pole and solely dedicate the traffic signs on their own. Trustee Armstrong asked the Committee to drive the two streets and bring any additional locations to be considered for the traffic signs. Village Engineer Scott Anderson asked that the two locations be determined and marked to place a call with JULIE.

Trustee Armstrong mentioned with the Lake County construction on St. Marys Road has created some traffic congestion west on Little St. Marys Road. Trustee Armstrong suggested placing a sign stating "no thru traffic" or "dead end" to reduce additional traffic. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added this road is not a private road and through traffic is allowed.

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

Chairman Pink added Mr. Kraft is looking to address another area that is experiencing drainage issues. Mettawa Lane gets submerged with heavy rainfall. Chairman Pink stated Mr. Kraft is researching this area's ditches and road to provide a plan on how to addresses this problematic area. Chairman Pink asked for the Committee's consensus for Mr. Kraft to explore this drainage area and provide a proposal. The Committee approved Mr. Kraft to draft a drainage proposal for this area.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk