

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, FEBRUARY 12, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

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

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Smolic and Members Clark and Pelech

Absent: None

Chairman Smolic declared a quorum present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY

The minutes of the regular meeting for January 8, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Chairman Smolic that the regular meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE WATERMAIN CONNECTION THROUGHOUT THE VILLAGE

Chairman Smolic indicated a second meeting was held with Gewalt Hamilton. They submitted a proposal in the amount of \$20K to design a watermain for the whole village. Chairman Smolic added at this time the design plan is being paused until it is determined on how the project will be financially funded. The project is being estimated at \$15 to 20 million.

E. DISCUSS AND RECOMMEND THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR THE OLD SCHOOL ROAD DITCH MAINTENANCE

Chairman Smolic stated the lowest bidder was Milieu Design in the amount of \$134,900. However, their bid packet was not submitted utilizing prevailing wages. As a result, the Committee is moving to the next bidder DK Contractors in the amount of \$211,468.00. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated he has worked with this contractor in the past. He will also confirm their bid was submitted to be paying prevailing wages. Member Pelech asked if the village has worked with DK Contractor in the past. Member Clark stated yes, we used them to clear the buckthorn at the Mettawa Savanna parcel. Village Administrator Florip added references can also be gathered from their website. Member Pelech indicated she will research the contractor. Chairman Smolic replied to Member Pelech should she find any issues with DK Contractor they can be presented at the Board meeting. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added the Village Attorney has drafted an amendment for DK Contractor to sign to confirm they submitted their bid using prevailing wages.

A motion was made to approve DK Contractors for the Old School Road ditch maintenance project in the amount of \$211,468.00. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Chairman Smolic. The motion was carried.

F. DISCUSS THE MAINTENANCE AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ITEMS FOR FY2025-2026 BUDGET

Chairman Smolic stated most of the culverts and ditches were addressed this year. As a result, the budget can be reduced to \$60K. The right-of-way mowing contract will be finalized once the 2025 contract from Dunlap has been received. Chairman Smolic asked if the shoulder maintenance is necessary each year. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied it is based on the snow plowing with the new contractor. Chairman Smolic indicated Engineer Services should be reduced to \$100K for next year. Chairman Smolic asked for a Miscellaneous account to be added to this year's budget in the amount of \$50K. The Old School Road ditch drainage project should reflect \$220K for the budget. The MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park drainage project was originally planned at a \$1M with the anticipation of receiving funding. After two years of waiting for the grant, we recognize we will not qualify for the funding. As a result, we have asked Hey & Associates to design a new plan with a new budget of \$300K to support the drainage of the water. Village Administrator Florip asked if Dave Kraft should remove the Village's initial application as we have not been officially denied yet for the funding.

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

Trustee Towne indicated the snow plowing trucks do not have their safety lights on during the day. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied he will follow-up with Milieu Design.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Pelech to adjourn the meeting at 6:27 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk