

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, APRIL 9, 2025 IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER

Pro Tem Towne called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

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

Present: Chairman Towne and Members Clark and Smolic

Absent: None

Chairman Towne declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Administrator, Mandi Florip; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson and Trustees Armstrong and Pelech

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MARCH

The minutes of the regular meeting for March 12, 2025 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Chairman Towne that the regular meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE ILM STORMWATER STRUCTURE EVALUATION PROPOSAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,952

Chairman Towne indicated the ILM had not completed their surveying on the retention ponds since 2013 and they should be updated. As a result, a proposal has been obtained to complete this work. This blueprint of the water drainage can be passed along to the SSAs and HOAs to provide them information of the maintenance work that should be completed. Member Smolic asked if any infrastructure has changed since 2013 Chairman Towne replied, no but the Crest subdivision was not surveyed. Member Smolic indicated the SSAs/HOAs have been passed along the information since from the initial study. They can act on it accordingly. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the SSAs had their own landscapers complete the work in the past. Chairman Towne stated the Crest subdivision retention pond should be studied for the village records. Member Smolic indicated the HOA should handle their own study of their retention pond.

A motion was made to approve the ILM Stormwater Structure Evaluation Proposal in the Amount of \$4,952. The motion was moved by Chairman Towne. The motion died.

E. DISCUSS THE MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT DRAINAGE

Chairman Towne indicated he has received the topographic plans of the park. Water will be redirected, debris will be cleared and a small water storage area will be created as a result. Member Smolic asked if Hey & Associates have provided the final design plans that were asked under his direction. Village Scott Anderson replied the topographic plans were supplied by Hey & Associates. Village Administrator Florip added Hey & Associates have not provided any design plans. Chairman Towne added by lowering the grade at certain locations the water will drain better. Chairman Towne asked Village Administrator Florip to set up a field meeting with Hey & Associates and himself to discuss future design plans to be presented in May or June's meeting.

F. DISCUSS THE SEAWALL UNLIMITED PROPOSAL FOR A STEEL WALL AT 15330 OLD SCHOOL ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,500

Chairman Towne indicated this steel wall is being built at the resident Barry MacLean's east and west sides of his driveway to prevent further erosion of the village's ditch. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated the wall will be required to be shoulder height, if not the road will erode into the ditch. Member Smolic agreed with the construction of the steel wall. Member Pelech indicated she would like to further discuss this steel wall with Barry MacLean before the Committee approved of this proposal. Chairman Towne added Barry MacLean could later add a faux rock wall covering the steel wall. Member Clark added once this matter is resolved, the mailboxes nearby would also be repaired onto one board. The steel wall proposal is being tabled to for the May committee meeting.

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

Chairman Towne stated the capital amount was reduced by \$50K. Member Smolic asked why the shoulder maintenance amount had been increased. Chairman Towne agreed to the amount being reduced by \$10K. Member Smolic asked about the Village considering hiring a leaf clearing service to address the volume of leaves clogging the culverts and ditches.

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 Towne stated in his Safety Report, Don Strenger is a new hire for Howe Security. Mr. Strenger is a retired fire fighter who is familiar with Lake County.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Smolic to adjourn the meeting at 6:33 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk