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, JUNE 10, 2026, IN THE COTTONWOOD ROOM A

A. CALL TO ORDER0

Chairman 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 Armstrong and Smolic
Absent: None
Chairman Towne declared a quorum present.

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

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF MAY

The minutes of the regular meeting for May 13, 2026, were reviewed. It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smolic that the regular meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE FOREST BUILDERS, INC PROPOSAL FOR THE SWALE MAINTENANCE AT MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK IN THE AMOUNT OF $8,000

Chairman Towne indicated a proposal from Forest Builders Inc was received to clean the swale area within the park. This swale is located in the north south area of the park. This swale requires a cleanout of silt and debris. Chairman Towne indicated this clearing will be the first attempt to improve the water flow in this area. This proposal varies from the Hey & Associates Inc, recommendation for this area.

Trustee Clark mentioned one of the River Birch trees is dead at the northwest corner of the park. Chairman Towne indicated it would be nice to replace the tree with an evergreen. Any new plantings will be considered for the fall

A motion was made to approval Forest Builders Inc proposal for the Swale Maintenance at MacLean Preserve at Oasis Park in the amount of $ 8,000. The motion was moved by the Member Smolic and seconded by Chairman Towne. The motion was carried.

E. UPDATE ON THE VILLAGE SHOULDER MAINTENANCE

Chairman Towne indicated the weeds will be treated along the village road shoulders when the rain dries up. Village Clerk asked Village Engineer to provide a 24-hour notice to send a communication to residents regarding the herbicide treatment.

F. UPDTE ON THE OLD SCHOOL ROAD DITCH RESTORATION

Village Engineer Scott indicated this ditch will need to be fully dry to prevent the machinery used from tearing up the sides, creating additional restoration.

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

Village Administrator Florip asked the Village Engineer Scott to provide her with the snow plowing bid document to go out to bid. Chairman Towne indicated he was not satisfied with Milieu Design's last year's snow plowing service level. Their plow trucks were inconsistent on when their cab lights were operating. Chairman Towne asked Forest Builders to provide a snow plowing proposal for next month. If the proposal is within reason, the Committee would like to refrain from going out to bid. In addition, the snow plowing contract will be updated to include Nektosha Way too. Chairman Towne asked if the Village Attorney has obtained the 33-foot easement from Nektosha Way property owners. Village Administrator Florip stated the Village Attorney is aware of this easement that the village would benefit from obtaining.

Chairman Towne commented a resident was riding their horse when spoked by a motorized bike on the village trail. Village Administrator Florip said she has done a deep dive into the village's code of ordinance to find what regulation are included regarding motorized vehicles on the village trails. The Village Attorney is also reviewing the code to determine what is allowed. Starting January 1st, an E-Bike legislature will start indicating anyone under the age of 16 will not be allowed to ride an electric bike or scooters. The village will have the ability to regulate our trails too.

Chairman Towne reported a homeless guy has been seen at the Oasis. He is begging for money. He is also riding an electric scooter around the village. The Lake County Sheriff's Office have received a report of his presence at the Oasis.

H. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smolic to adjourn the meeting at 6:18 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk