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, SEPTEMBER 9, 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; Trustees Clark and Witten

Resident: Tom Lys

C. APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF JULY

The minutes of the regular meeting for July 8, 2026, were reviewed. It was moved by Member Smolic and seconded by Member Armstrong that the regular meeting minutes be approved and placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. UPDATE ON THE OLD SCHOOL ROAD DITCH RESTORATION

Chairman Towne stated this project has not been completed due to the consistent rain. This project will be completed next year.

E. UPDATE ON THE SWALE MAINTENANCE AT MACLEAN PRESERVE AT OASIS PARK

Chairman Towne indicated this project will commence when the rain has stopped. The repair area has already been staked out.

F. DISCUSS FOREST BUILDERS INC., AS THE LOWEST BIDDER SNOWPLOWING SERVICES FOR 2026-2027 IN THE AMOUNT OF $43,000

Chairman Towne asked the Village Engineer if the bid included the salt. Village Engineer replied no. Village Administrator Florip indicated this bid will not be approved at Committee this month. The packet was submitted under James Anderson Company and will need to be submitted as Forest Builders Inc. Village Clerk Gallo stated the current bid packet as received has a conflict of interest and this is being stated by the Village Attorney. After further discuss Village Engineer will speak with the Village Attorney to rectify this matter.

A motion was made to approve Forest Builders Inc., as the lowest bidder snowplowing service for FY2026-2027 in the amount of $43,000 subject to the language modification approved by the Village Attorney. The motion was moved by Member Armstrong and seconded by Member Smolic. The motion was carried.

G. DISCUSS THE VILLAGE'S RIGHT-OF-WAY TREES TRIM AND REMOVAL PROGRAM

Chairman Towne stated the village has 2 or 3 dead trees that are on the right-of-way that will be considered. Member Smolic added he will drive the village also to determine if sees any dead trees that need to be removed.

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

Member Smolic stated resident Tom Lys attended the Board meeting last month. Mr. Lys asked if Nektosha Way could be removed from the list of streets the Village maintains. Mr. Lys replied the landscaper currently mowing the road is doing adequate. Mr. Lys added he has the equipment to mow and snowplow, as he has been maintaining it for years and would like to continue to maintain Nektosha Way. Member Smolic asked Village Administrator Florip to discuss with the Villag Attorney the removal of Nektosha Way from the mowing and snowplowing contracts. Chairman Towne asked Mr. Lys why did he quit maintaining it. Mr. Lys replied he is paying $10,000 a year into a SSA and he is also doing the work. Village Administrator Florip reminded Mr. Lys the SSA collection is for the building of the road, not for mowing or snowplowing. As a result, this is how the SSA was commenced and these two services cannot be charged against this account. Mr. Lys stated the SSA can be modified to utilizes the SSA funds for this work. Village Administrator Florip asked Mr. Lys, today's goal is to discuss the maintenance and be paid for these services, correct. Mr. Lys confirmed. Mr. Lys added he would be interested to purchasing Nektosha Way from the Village, remove all the transactions of maintaining and the collection of the SSA. Chairman Towne stated he liked the idea of the purchase, as it would allow the village to vacant the road. This road is not utilized by any other resident. The Village Administrator will have a conversation with the Village Attorney regarding this matter.

Chairman Towne stated the Hilton Garden Inn experienced another catalytic converter has been stolen from one of their patriots. A Lake County Sheriff's responded and a report was filed. Chairman Towne stated the village does not patrol the hotel during the night. They will need to consider obtaining a security team for the late hours. In addition, the gas station in Green Oaks off of Route 176 experienced a burglary too

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Smolic and seconded by Member Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm. The motion was carried.

Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk