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Street Committee Meeting Minutes

October 9, 2014 - 6:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call/Minutes Approval

Jeff DeGroot called the street meeting to order at 6:05 pm and roll call was taken. He asked if anyone had any concerns with Todd Rice attending the meeting by electronic means due to him being away for work purposes. There were not.

Village President/Trustee	Roll Call	1	2	3	4	5	6
Todd Rice – Chair	Absent	Y	N	Y			
Jeff DeGroot – Village President	Present	Y	N	Y			
Jim O’Laughlin	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Brian Wysocki	Present	Y	Y	Y			
Julia Miller	Present	Y	Y	Y			

Also Present:

Scott DeSplinter, Village Engineer, CMT
Marty Clinch, Village Trustee
John Ford, Village Trustee
Amy DeFreitas, Village resident
Melanie Meismer, Village resident

a. August 4, 2014-Street Committee Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to approve the August 4, 2014 street committee meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #1.**

2. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board to modify the location of the Fandel Road Speed Limit Sign

A Coventry Farm resident has asked if one of the 20mph signs could be moved further along Fandel Road. Rich Brecklin explained the request and noted there are distance and safety requirements. The committee discussed and agreed to leave the sign in the location it is.

3. MFT 2014 Update

Rich Brecklin reported the 2014 MFT program is scheduled to start on October 20th. They will be completing overlays and the reconstruction of Forrest Drive and Highland Court. Scott DeSplinter noted they would be monitoring the temperature and conditions in order to complete the road work. Scott noted with them working on the long range street plan that it

should help expedite the process in the years to come so that it won't be this late in the season.

Jeff DeGroot asked Rich Brecklin if we need to start talking to the spray patching company to make sure they comply with our requirements for next year's work. Rich will contact the contractor to confirm.

4. Village Trucks & Equipment Update

Rich Brecklin reported the new truck is supposed to be in and then it will go to Koenig to get the equipment installed. Rich stated he is going to get new tires for the F350 for approximately \$1,000 and lights for the Sterling in the amount of \$600-800. The committee discussed looking at a more regular rotation on replacement of trucks and equipment.

5. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Somerset Traffic Concerns

The committee discussed the speeding concerns on Somerset Drive. The police presence has been more obvious and has helped in slowing the traffic down. The Deputy's have been changing up the locations and times of their patrols in and around the Village.

Jim O'Laughlin recommended checking to see if we can have the lighting changed on the stop lights to have the countdown for when the lights are changing. Ann Sasso will check with IDOT. Julia Miller asked about the concrete holding area at the school crosswalk at Rt. 116 and Arbor Vitae. IDOT is in the process of looking at the solutions and funding.

6. Update on the Woodland Knolls Traffic Study

Scott DeSplinter stated they are looking at data and have a preliminary finding that with the existing traffic conditions there needs to be improvements made to the intersection. They will be forecasting traffic counts for the future as a part of the study and will have a recommendation to present on October 23rd to the Village Board.

Casey's submitted a plan but the Village engineer has not approved it yet since they need to get more information on the traffic study and recommendations on the improvements. IDOT will need to do a review due to the proximity of the intersection to Route 116. Scott recommended having a street committee meeting before the Village board meeting to discuss the results of the study.

Scott noted the subdivision ordinance requires a sidewalk and questioned if we can enforce this or not due to the redevelopment of the lot. The committee discussed potential locations and concerns. We will need to check with the Village attorney to see if this is enforceable.

Ann Sasso reported there is a call to projects for the long range transportation plan. Ann noted she and Rich are working on the projects which include the intersections along Woodland Knolls Road, sidewalk along Holland Road to the shopping center and the right in and right out off of Route 116 connection to Anker Lane.

7. Discussion and Recommendation to the Village Board on the Enforcement of the Mailbox Ordinance and Roadside Obstructions

A brick mailbox was recently built without the Village's knowledge in Thornridge subdivision. The ordinance requires a breakaway structure due to USPS recommendations and safety concerns. Marty Clinch questioned if we revise the ordinance to make the resident take full responsibility for any issues if this would suffice. Bill Streeter, Village attorney has recommended the board decide if they want to change the ordinance otherwise they need to enforce the ordinance. The committee discussed.

A motion was made by Jim O'Laughlin to recommend to the Village Board the enforcement of the mailbox ordinance and roadside obstructions as written. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #2.**

8. NPDES/MS4 Permit Discussion

John Ford Left at 7:17 p.m.

Scott reported the Village received a letter from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency indicating that the Village's NPDES Permit for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Expired on 3/31/2014. It further stated that the Village must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) within 21 days. The Village has never had an MS4 permit before and was not aware of the requirement to submit an NOI.

Through discussions with the IEPA, it has been determined that the Village meets the definition of an "urbanized area" based on the 2010 census data. So the Village should have been notified on 3/31/2014 that the Village would be required to submit an NOI. This notification did not reach the Village since the new MS4 NPDES permit has not been approved and current permit holders are operating under the expired permit.

Scott DeSplinter noted a plan proposal will be presented at the meeting on October 23rd for the board's review. In the mean time a letter will be sent asking for an extension to November 1st for the complete NOI due to the limited notice.

9. Adjournment

A motion was made by Jeff DeGroot to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. The motion was seconded by Brian Wysocki. **Motion passed #3.**

Ann Sasso
Village Clerk