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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Niebruegge/Matchett/Meehling/Trout)
Wednesday, August 12, 2015 at 6:30 p.m.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
Tony Funderburg

VILLAGE TREASURER
Bryan A. Vogel

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
John Tolan

POLICE CHIEF
Stanley Donald

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The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2015, in the Municipal Center. Those in attendance were Chairperson Elizabeth Niebruegge, Trustee Ray Matchett, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Trustee Matt Trout, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard, Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Dean Pruett, Public Works Director John Tolan, Village Administrator Tony Funderburg and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle.

POOL: A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Pool: The revenue/expense spreadsheet was provided. Administrator Funderburg stated considering we had a very bad month of weather, we are doing pretty well.

2. Storm Shelter Bids: Tony advised the bids were tabled. He has submitted a grant and should find out if we are awarded it in October. Tony needs to write a MEPRD grant for a small playground next to the pool. He is looking at a $35,000 play structure, with a total budget of $50,000, of which the grant will only award 25%. He is planning on applying for the St. Clair County Parks Grant which is usually $30,000 next year to also help fund this project. Tony asked if the committee was in agreement with this plan and Trustee Niebruegge said to move forward with it.

3. St. Clair County Parks Grant: Discussed above.

Tony brought up the pool cover and slide which were items we talked about completing this year. He would like to get the sales representative out here to look at the slide which will be done in the next fiscal year. We plan to purchase the cover this year. Mayor Speiser asked for someone to attend the next park board meeting and ask them not to burn around the pool area since the pool will now be covered during the off season.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Pool Inspection: Public Works Director John Tolan advised the inspection did not go very well. He is not sure why the levels were out of line. The inspector would not open the pool until the chlorine levels were down. John further advised Scott was very upset about this and that it should have been caught ahead of time. Tony advised we are putting a chart/plan together that will be put in place, and the levels will be tested every hour and logged as well. The issue has been addressed with all of the pool managers. Tony feels confident in Scott about making sure this is done correctly.

We have not heard back from high school about using the pool. We will reach out to them tomorrow to find out what is going on. John feels the baby pool may be getting a little whiter, but we need to budget for the floor to be fixed in next year's budget.

STREETS: A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of July 15, 2015 Minutes: *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the July 15, 2015 minutes and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

2. Safe Routes to School: Tony advised the Urbanna sidewalk project is almost complete. A punch list has been complied for John and Tony to review and make sure it's a complete list. The soil bids are

coming in, and we will get that done right away. Regarding the sidewalk over the railroad, Tony believes the project is going to end up costing around $125,000 out of pocket. Trustee Niebruegge believes if we don't do it now, she doesn't see it ever happening. Trustee Blaies asked if any study was done to see how many kids use it. A formal study has not been done, but Tony said you have the kids from the schools that use it and the cross country team as well. Tony also said IDOT has been pulling alot of money back but agreed that this is a good project to do and the committee also agreed. The next step is for Rhutasel to survey it to find out the final costs.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to the full Board to pay Rhutasel & Associates Pay Request #2 not to exceed $3,666.34 and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. MFT/Ditch on N. Main: The change of plans have been submitted to IDOT for Countryside Lane. John said we oiled 4 alleys on the 31st, and some areas for the schools. We will be oiling the remaining areas in town September 8-11th.

4. Drainage Problem Areas/Southgate Drive/Countryside Lane: John has a meeting set up with Jack Emge to review the Southgate Drive project. John has a meeting set up with the farmer to resolve the issues IDOT raised on the Countryside Lane project.

5. Shady Lane Dispute: Tony said the important part of Shady Lane is done. We are now working on the front and the back. The attorney for the family who owns the front is working on the issue of who owns the land. Tony affirmed no one is to touch the road or the cemetery except up.

6. Community Compost Area/Leaf Program: With the loss of revenue from the state, we need to scale back the leaf and limb pickup program. John said we have several people that will take mulched leaves, but not everything. He would like to come up with a set of guidelines to define each program. Tony said we have issues that need to be addressed and cited the drainage issues as one example. John said it limits their ability to work on culverts and other projects that need to be done. Tony calculated the leaf program costs about $70,000 -80,000 annually.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Storm water Run-Off/Drainage Issues: Tony said with storm water runoff/drainage issues, we've created a second work order log to track the requests received. When we get time, we will work with the resident's request. John said we will prioritize the requests, and will advise the resident if you don't want to wait, you can fix it yourself. We have limited resources with people and time to do this.

Trustee Niebrueege advised we have received the annual request from the Fire Department for their Muscular Dystrophy collection. *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to approve the Fire Department's Request to collect donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association on August 29, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. with a rain date of Sunday, August 30, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

The annual chili cook-off will be held Saturday, October 10, 2015 at the Village Park. Trustee Niebruegge asked for a motion to close the streets around the park.

Trustee Matt Trout motioned to close Belleville/White/High/Monroe streets during the Chili Cook-Off on Saturday, October 10, 2015 and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: John advised with one of our employees off for another 8 weeks and one of our part-time guys off, he is short-handed.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Matt Trout motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 p.m. and Trustee Ray Matchett seconded the motion.* All voting yea, the motion carried.

Julie Polson
Office Manager