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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Matchett/Carpenter/Heap/Kaiser)
Wednesday, October 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:03 p.m., on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, by Chairman Ray Matchett. Members present were Chairman Ray Matchett, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Mike Heap, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling, Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan, Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett and Office Manager Julie Polson. Guest present: Janet Baechle. Guests present via Zoom: None.

POOL: A. OLD BUSINESS: None.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Smithton School Donation equestrian for 17th Annual Silent Auction: The committee agreed to donate a 10-visit pool pass.

Public Works Director John Tolan advised the pool cover was put on today, and the pool is now winterized for the season. Village Engineer Tim Pruett advised he and Julie worked on the St. Clair County Parks Grant, and it was submitted on Monday. Our request included resurfacing the parking lot and adding a walking trail over to the visitor's bleachers that also ties into the existing park walking path. The grant amount this year is \$50,000, and our request totaled approximately \$67,000 which included in kind labor of \$2,800. Village Administrator Matt Trout said the timeline to complete this project is May of next year, and our portion of the grant will come out of next year's budget.

STREETS: A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of September 13, 2023 Minutes: Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the September 13, 2023 Minutes, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.
2. E. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: John has nothing new to report.
3. Customer Issues: No issues.
4. Wolf Road Project: Tim advised the village received a construction grant in 2012 of which the village would be responsible for \$300,000 of that grant. Matt said the village could not afford that and denied the grant. At that time, it was considered a collector street. Traffic right now is about 550 cars and needs to be 1100. Tim commented we will probably not have any luck getting that classified as a collector street right now. He will continue to work on it.
5. MFT: John has nothing new to report.
6. St. Clair County Parks Grant Update: Discussed above.

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Crew Leader Bob Jenkins advised they are working to replace about 40 feet of curbing and some pavement on Westbrook Lane. Bob said a lot of it is due to the trash truck. Matt commented at the IML Conference, other communities are dealing with this issue and including a fee on their garbage bill to help with street repairs.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Clearwave Update: Attorney Keck informed the board the Clearwave fiber project is now being handled by a private equity company out of Savannah, Georgia. Attorney Keck commented we made the right decision, and other towns are having huge problems with them. We need to take a wait and see approach.
2. Village Insurance Renewal Update: Matt advised we have a health insurance committee on Tuesday to review the renewal options. We are almost at the point of tapping into the stability fund. He has had several conversations with members of the committee regarding the renewal. We have a UHC reward program that will save about \$14,000 if everyone uses it up front. Attorney Keck stated at IML, other towns are seeing about 9 – 12% increase across the board. Our liability insurance renewal is projected to be about 10 – 15% increase. They are hoping to get it under 10% depending on the police and power plant issues.

John said street sweeping will be done the week of the 23rd. Silver Creek Garden wants to plant a couple of trees in the village park. He would like to do that since we lost some in the June storm. Bob would like to surplus the 1996 Ford F350 that has 95,000 miles, two 2006 Dodge Dakotas that have 120,000 miles and 2 pull behind leaf machines we no longer use. We are not going to replace them. We will bring an ordinance to the Legal/Ordinance committee meeting. Matt had a good meeting with Waste Management to review some communication issues. Julie and Laura are retiring January 17th. Matt said he and Julie will work on a timeline on when to go out for hire and will bring it to Personnel. He will be at a training conference the rest of the week.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to amend the agenda in order to hear Public Participation, and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Executive Session to Discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)(1):

EXECUTIVE SESSION

6:33 P.M.

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to enter Executive Session to Personnel, 5 ILCS 120/2-(c)1 and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED

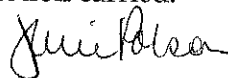
6:50 P.M.

Trustee Ray Matchett motioned to reconvene the regular session at 7:47 p.m., and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried. The regular session reconvened at 6:50 p.m.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: None.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Janet wants employee bonuses raised. Trustee Meehling told Janet we do appreciate our employees.

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m., and Trustee Mike Heap seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*


Julie Polson
Office Manager