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Public Property Committee Meeting
Streets/Municipal Center/Pool/Parks & Recreation
(Matchett/Carpenter/Kaiser/Miller)
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

The meeting of the Public Property Committee was called to order at 6:02 p.m., on Wednesday, May 15, 2024, by Chairman Ray Matchett. Members present were Chairman Ray Matchett, Trustee Tom Carpenter, Trustee Bob Kaiser, Trustee Dana Miller, Mayor Seth Speiser, Village Clerk Jerry Menard (absent), Trustee Mike Blaies, Trustee Lisa Meehling (absent), Village Attorney Fred Keck, Public Works Director John Tolan (absent), Crew Leader Bob Jenkins, Police Chief Mike Schutzenhofer, Village Administrator Matt Trout, Village Engineer Tim Pruett, and Office Manager Mary Downen. Guest present: Janet Baechle, Dave Stein, Tricia Schwind, Adam Schwind, Rita Santanello & Bob Santanello. Guests present via Zoom: None.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to amend the agenda to move Resident Request for Stop Sign at W. Phillips/S. Belleville Street to the top of the agenda, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Resident Request for Stop Sign at W. Phillips/S. Belleville Street: Resident Tricia Schwind introduced herself and stated they have lived there for about 3 years. They have noticed a lot of speeding on Phillips Street. Currently there are no stop signs on Phillips Street from State Street to N. Main Street. A lot of students cross at the intersection of Phillips Street and Belleville Street. Also, when there are events in town, there is a lot of foot traffic. If you follow the road from State Street to Belleville Street there are no sidewalks until the intersection of Phillips and Belleville. It would increase safety and hopefully decrease speeding if it were a 4-way stop at that intersection. Village Administrator Matt Trout said one of the things they talked about on the phone was possibly putting the radar unit and posting speed limit signs there. Also talked to the police to be visible and write warnings and/or tickets. Chairman Ray Matchett asked if we could put up a speed limit sign and Tricia responded that there isn't any on the road currently. Adam Schwind said he just wants to see it slowed down. Rita Heberer Santanello said she lives down the block and doesn't think they realize how fast they are going when they leave State Street and head to Main Street. Bob Santanello added that it happens daily. When he is out working in his yard, he has to throw up his hands to slow people down daily and feels a stop sign would change it. Ray stated we would start by putting the radar sign and 2 speed limit signs on Phillips Street. If there is still an issue, we will consider a stop sign. Matt added that it will have to go before the Board for approval.

Janet Baechle asked about the sidewalks not being ADA compliant in the 300 block of Silverthorne Drive. Village Engineer Tim Pruett said he would look into it.

POOL:

A. OLD BUSINESS: Parking lot & walking path – Tim Pruett said Sonnenberg did a great job. They did a lot of base work. The parking lot and walking trail back to the visitor's bleachers are done. We will pay Sonnenberg and then we will submit the cancelled check to the county and they will reimburse us \$50,000.

Per report from Public Works Director John Tolan, the pool is very close to being ready for the upcoming season. A new sign has been installed on the front of the building, bathhouse has been painted, the previously brown stain concrete areas have been painted blue, the main pool ORP/PH controller has been replaced, deck scrubbed, slide waxed and bleachers painted. Also backfilling and seeding along new waking path and pool parking lot.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

STREETS:

A. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Approval of April 10, 2024 Minutes: *Trustee Dana Miller motioned to recommend to the full Board approval of the April 10, 2024, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*
2. Drainage Problem Areas/Stormwater Run-Off: Tim said we have had issues this year on Sleeping Indian. What has happened in the past 20 years that this has been developed, is that trees have been growing in this drainage ditch. It is blocking up and not allowing the water to get out. Tim suggested to them that someone cut down the trees and clean out the ditch as we typically don't get on private property. Mayor Seth Speiser asked if the ditch is on the Despain property, and if so, someone needs to reach out to him. Village attorney Fred Keck said he will reach out to his attorney. Matt added if something isn't done it will continue to be a problem and could be costly. Bob said they have been keeping the storm drains and ditches cleared out.
3. Customer Issues: Nothing new.
4. MFT: Per report from John, the oil dates have been set for August 19th & 20th, with the 21st as a rain date. Separate from MFT but on the same dates, we will oil and chip the road inside the West Plant fence. Tim stated he is working on the Savannah Oaks plans and hopefully will get them done in the next couple of weeks. Matt stated in regards to the sewer plant and the oil and chip of that road, there is some wash out on that gravel road. Adam, Haier Plumbing, has agreed to come back and fix the road right before we oil and chip.
5. St. Clair County Parks Grant Update: Discussed under Pool.

B. NEW BUSINESS:

2. St. Clair County Building & Zoning Department Agreement for Building Inspection Program: Matt said we had discussed at the last committee meetings and Attorney Keck has had a chance to review and is okay with it. We'll need to put it on the Board meeting agenda for approval.

Trustee Tom Carpenter motioned to recommend to the full Board St. Clair County Building & Zoning Department Agreement for Building Inspection Program, and Trustee Bob Kaiser seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

3. Industrial Park Lot – 1 Industrial Dr.: Tim said they want to split the property. Are you okay with them splitting this. Matt stated we will be getting a letter from the county asking if we are okay with it.

Matt said he and John met with IDOT regarding District 8. Everyone feels that District 8 is being treated differently than most other districts. With the regulations and the rules that are being pushed down, engineering firms are saying they can plan on an extra 18 months and an extra 30% whenever it has to do with IDOT in District 8. We have had trouble getting the guard rail replaced on Peabody Road. We did get an invite to meet up with the Secretary of Transportation 2 weeks ago. They basically acknowledged that their standards are not being met across the board. Two bills have been introduced calling for District 8 to follow the same standards.

EXECUTIVE SESSION
6:54 P.M.

Chairman Ray Matchett advised we will go into an Executive Session to discuss Personnel, 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(1) and potential litigation 5 ILCS, 120/2-(c)(11).

EXECUTIVE SESSION ENDED
7:30 P.M.

Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to reconvene the regular session of the committee meeting at 7:30 p.m., and Trustee Tom Carpenter seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.

C. GENERAL CONCERNS: Per report from John, the Public Works crew have begun spraying right-of-ways and village properties for weeds. Mosquito spraying has started this week. Monday they will do the east side, Wednesday the west side and Friday the outlying areas.

Mayor Speiser said the Freeburg Locklar-Smith American Legion Post No. 550 has asked to use the Village Park on Saturday May 25, 2024 to place the crosses and on Monday May 27, 2024 for their Memorial Day Ceremony. I just need to get an okay. All Board members agreed.

D. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: None

E. ADJOURN: *Trustee Bob Kaiser motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m., and Trustee Dana Miller seconded the motion. All voting yea, the motion carried.*

Mary Downen
Office Manager