

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
MARCH 9, 2009**

Chairman Tad Whitchurch called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee members present: Linda Melton, Sally Hollembeak, Stephen Appell, Scott Kramer
Also present: President Jim Claeysen, Chuck Freeman, Nancy Belt, James Coppernoll, & Denny McMullen

Stephen Appell moved to adopt the amended agenda adding:

1. American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (ARR) Funding
2. Finance Meeting
3. Billboard
4. Easter Funds
5. Recreation Board's Budget

Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Sally Hollembeak moved to approve the minutes of February 23, 2009. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

MFT Road Projects: Denny McMullen advised the committee to consider selecting the village's resurfacing road projects using MFT funds to begin advertising in May and awarded in June or July 2009.

Rheingans Drainage: Denny McMullen proposed using armortek concrete block mats for the Rheingans drainage ditch/horse crossing. Denny presented a cost of \$7,700.00 for a minimum crossing size of 20' x 20' or approximately 44SY of concrete block mats at an estimated cost to deliver and drop the mats into place. President Claeysen noted that the village will need a signed agreement with the Rheingans in order to proceed.

American Recovery & Reinvestment Act (AAR): Denny McMullen stated that he was informed that the Federal guidelines for AAR funds are to be used for resurfacing high volume roadways and suggested using the funds for Genoa Street or Mill Road. Denny said the \$48,000.00 AAR funds can not be used for the Winnebago County Bell School Road improvements. President Claeysen suggested adding Harrison Avenue to the list.

FINANCE MEETING

Linda Melton stated that a special finance meeting is scheduled for March 17, 2009 @ 7:30 pm. to review the 2009/2010 budget.

BILLBOARD

Scott Kramer stated that he has received complaints regarding the extreme brightness of the billboard sign at the SE corner of Newburg/Perryville Roads. Scott asked that the ordinance committee address regulating the brightness of electronic message boards. James Coppernoll stated that he would add this item on his ordinance agenda.

3 M SIGN GRANT PROGRAM

Chuck Freeman informed the committee that the public works department has applied for a *3M sign grant* in order to purchase reflective sheeting at significantly lower costs.

APWA CONFERENCE

Chuck Freeman presented the committee with a request for two employees to attend the APWA conference held in Peoria, Illinois April 29 – May 1, 2009. **Sally Hollembeak moved to send to the village board authorizing two public works employees to attend the APWA conference in Peoria, Illinois April 29 – May 1, 2009 in the amount of \$750.00. Linda Melton seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.**

TRUCK CHASSIS PURCHASE

Chuck Freeman reported that the village has an opportunity to purchase a 2008 International 7400 Series Truck Chassis in the amount of \$58,130.00 due to municipalities that have ordered 2008 truck chassis's and cancelled their orders. President Claeysen stated that he approves purchasing the 2008 chassis from the 2008/09 budget because the funds have already been allocated. Jim also noted that he can justify the expenditure due to the fact that the new 2009 chassis are \$10,000.00 more. **Sally Hollembeak moved to send to the village board authorizing the purchase of a 2008 International 7400 Series Truck Chassis from Chicago International Company, "Rockford branch" in the amount of \$58,130.00. Linda Melton seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.**

WATER CHEMICAL CHANGE

Chuck Freeman presented the committee with a cost comparison to purchase phosphates from Water Solutions Unlimited, Inc. Chuck informed the committee that the water department is considering changing phosphates from PO4 @ \$13.73 per gallon to Re-Ox @ \$7.50 per gallon. It was the consensus to approve this change.

EASTER EVENT FUNDS

Scott Kramer moved to approve the amount of \$700.00 for the Easter Candy Scramble scheduled for Saturday, April 11, 2009. Sally Hollembeak seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Scott Kramer announced that the Recreation Board has submitted their 2009/2010 special events budget to Joe Caveny.

Sally Hollembeak moved to adjourn at 7:43 pm. Scott Kramer seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt
Chairman, Tad Whitchurch approved the minutes on March 11, 2009