

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
JANUARY 9, 2012**

Trustee, David Schroeder called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Trustee members present: Stephen Appell, JoAnn Hudson.

Absent: Sally Hollembeak, Scott Kramer

Also present: President Jim Claeysen, Joe Caveny, Denny McMullen,
Nancy Belt & Gary Maitland

David Schroeder moved to adopt the amended agenda adding:

Valve Exercise Program

Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

David Schroeder moved to approve the minutes of December 12, 2011. JoAnn Hudson seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

ENGINEER'S REPORT

Denny McMullen reported that the Regional Detention Pond for the upper North Channel plans will be completed within the next couple of weeks and he said he will have the bid documents prepared for review at the next scheduled public works committee meeting.

SALT STORAGE

Joe Caveny informed the committee that the public works salt dome is about 75 percent full due to the fact that we have had no snow/ice this year so far. The village has a minimum of 440 tons of salt being delivered per the current state bid contract; Joe stated that he needs a place to store the 440 tons of salt and made the following suggestions: village hall parking lots, demolition of the barn structure west of the village hall parking lot & build a new salt storage facility, or contact local businesses to store the salt. President Jim Claeysen asked that the chairman of each committee to place this matter on all of the upcoming committee agendas until a decision has been made.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Joe Caveny presented the committee with his 2011 – 2012 Capital Improvement Equipment Replacement Schedule. Joe Caveny said that at the next public works meeting he will provide a final list of equipment purchases. The committee agreed to pursue the equipment purchases per the recommendation by Joe Caveny.

SPEED STUDY

Joe Caveny presented the committee with the traffic collected data for the following streets: (See attached sheets)

- Swanson Parkway
- Kregel North Bound at Village Limits
- Genoa West Bound – West of River Road
- Genoa East Bound

Joe Caveny stated that the results reflected that people are generally obedient to the 25 mile an hour speed limit.

The committee asked Joe Caveny for more data:

- school in-session - off-session
- week-ends
- Swanson Parkway south bound

Joe Caveny said that he will continue with the traffic studies focusing on Swanson Park Road.

I-FIBER UPDATE

Joe Caveny presented the committee with a letter from Illinois Fiber Resources Group (iFiber) announcing that construction crews from Aldridge Electric Company/Kelso-Burnett will be working in Belvidere along Business 20 and Rockford.

ENGINEERING PROJECTS

Joe Caveny presented the committee with Civil Engineering Services (CES) preliminary estimates for the following street/ditch projects:

Harrison Avenue

Genoa Street

Bell School Road

Baumann Park Ditch

Joe Caveny stated that at this time he is only recommending CES to begin the design engineering on the following projects.

Joe Caveny stated that Harrison Ave. street improvements project is not part of the 5-year capital improvements plan, but would recommend holding off on Genoa Street and focus on Harrison Ave. due to its current conditions. Stephen Appell questioned where the board would find the funding to repair Genoa Road, if the board approves using the capital improvement funds for Harrison Ave. Denny McMullen stated that he and Joe added Harrison Ave. to the list because it has ten times the traffic of Genoa Road and after some research found that Harrison Ave. has had no street improvements since 1998.

Stephen Appell asked for a revised 5- year capital improvements plan. It was the consensus of the committee to include Harrison Ave. in the 5-year plan. President Jim Claeysen stated that he will meet with Joe Caveny, Karen Melloch, & Gary Maitland to review the 5-year capital improvements plan and

also review the capital improvements 1% sales tax projected revenues. Joe Caveny stated that the design engineering is approximately \$75,000.00 for the four projects. This matter was referred to the next public works committee meeting.

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BASEBALL DIAMOND FIELD LIGHTS

Joe Caveny reported that he needs to replace 10 baseball diamond lights. David Schroeder moved to send to the village board to authorize the purchase of 10 baseball diamond light fixtures at a total cost of \$2,000 from line item 5410 B&G. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

VALVE EXERCISE PROGRAM

David Schroeder moved to send to the village board authorizing the amount of \$7,500.00 for valve exercise program from M.E. Simpson Company. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

PHONE SYSTEM UPGRADES

Joe Caveny stated that he has two proposals to review at the January 17, 2012 safety committee meeting from:
Gregg Communications \$23,000
Northern Illinois Communications \$18,000

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Jim Claeysen presented the committee with a letter from Illinois Department of Transportation regarding the village's letter dated December 7, 2011 asking that they address local safety concerns near the intersection of US 20 with Mill Road. President Claeysen said that the letter states that they conducted a new speed study of the nearly one mile section of Harrison Avenue/US 20 between Perryville and Mill Roads. IDOT determined that drivers face three different speed limit postings with the mile of roadway between Perryville Road and the Kishwaukee River Bridge and have agreed to change the speed limit signs to 45 MPH.

President Jim Claeysen also submitted a letter from Senator Dave Syverson supporting the traffic study for the area encompassing Route 39, Bypass 20 through the Mill Road intersection. President Jim Claeysen asked the clerk to place these documents on file. President Jim Claeysen and Joe Caveny will continue to keep track of the progress to the improvements to the intersection.

David Schroeder moved to adjourn at 8:23 pm. Stephen Appell seconded. Motion carried by voice vote.

Recorded by: Village Clerk, Nancy L. Belt
Trustee, David Schroeder approved the minutes on January 10, 2012