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May 2011 Committee Meeting

When: Thursday, May 26th, 2011
Where: Village Hall
Time: 7:06 pm CST

Agenda

- 1) Call to order and pledge
- 2) Roll call – Lori Absent
- 3) Recognition of visitors – Carrie Park, Eric Marshall, Paul Myszka
 - a. Visitors came to observe the meeting to get a feel for what the meetings are all about. Discussed some issues related to mowing of grass near residence in ditches and how we are going to handle.
- 4) Approval of previous minutes - Approved
- 5) Activity since last meeting:
 - a. Cleveland Street – Manhole appears now to be too high at 105. We will look at removing one of the risers to bring the elevation down by 3-4 inches, which should help. We will also remove dirt and put in white rock.
 - b. Budget – Reviewed budget. Budget has been submitted to treasurer and finance chair and will provide feedback once auditor reviews misc income and accounts receivable items. Once we get feedback, we can modify and then re-submit. Mike discussed some changes in accounts/information for the proposed budget in consideration of last year and this year. In addition, there is an effort in this year's budget to simplify some of the accounts, but didn't to keep consistency with other funds.
 - c. Truck – MJ reviewed light bar selected for the truck (approx \$230), which is magnetic, and already in use. For headlights and parking lights we will use an in-line light option (approx \$160). Truck is in need of some additional work besides general maintenance. One issue is that the fuel line needs to be repaired due to rust. Additional work may be needed in the coming years (brake lines). There is not catalytic converter so we may need to replace this. We are in the process of following up with the seller due to this being required to be on the vehicle at time of sales. Also, other options are potentially available. Township is in process of buying a new 1 ton truck and may offer village an opportunity for purchase.
 - d. Village purchased grass trimmer from general fund.
 - e. Tiles on Cleveland, Lincoln, and Water – Residents have reported issues related to basements that hadn't had issues prior to sewer being installed. Issues include cracked foundations with water seepage.
- 6) Financial Report for MFT and SAS Funds – Discussed in Activity since last meeting section above.
- 7) Discussion Items
 - a. Sewer Road Repair
 - i. Issues with road surface tar seeping/weeping through on areas where sewer was installed.



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- ii. Other street issues (main) related to poor road conditions post sewer install. Discussions will be made with contractor for resolution. Roads are to be returned to condition that they were in pre-sewer construction.
 - iii. East Dooley road issues. There is presently dirt that turns into mud when rain comes. Prior to sewer installation, there was asphalt there. It appears that when construction of sewer was made, they did not return street into pre-installation condition.
 - b. Sidewalks – waiting on sewer completion before we begin any sidewalk work.
 - c. Lincoln Street extension – Waiting on feedback from Railroad. Mike will continue to try and contact.
 - d. Street signs – Still looking for a vender to provide us with street signs. Examined village decals that are to be used for when we purchase new signs.
 - e. Mowing – Going well. Hope to transition to summer help.
 - f. SAS Plan - Tabled
 - g. Street Ordinance Review (Chapter 8) – Tabled to next meeting
 - h. Citizen complaint(s) – Discussed above
- 8) Action Items:
- a. Approve the budget for the SAS Fund for FY 2011 – Tabled for when we get feedback from auditors on proposed budget.
 - b. Approve the Village clean-up day to be? Village will call Morris Tick to see if they have any dumpster options to where they brought 2 or 3 dumpsters for different types of refuse/recyclables to allow citizens an opportunity to clean up village and make it more aesthetic. Wapella currently does this.
- 9) New Business and planned work for next month – Mowing, Gravel and patch work, Replacing culverts
- a. Garfield – Issue with tree that had damage from high winds. Had to call in an emergency tree removal contractor.
 - b. Mowing – summer worker will get ramped up.
 - c. Patch work – summer worker will get ramped up and start. Waiting on white rock that should come next week.
 - d. Culverts on Kickapoo street. 6 driveways have issues. Options are being considered as to whether or not to replace the culverts due to the fact they may not potentially be deep enough to allow benefit when not having one may still provide for water management.
- 10) Meeting adjourned – 8:35pm

Mike James
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