

MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 5, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 P.M.

Motion to approve minutes by Maureen Roach
Second by Mike Freimann
Carried unanimously

Public Comment

Village Market would like to install a sign that will stay up year round that would enhance the market area. The location would not hinder the view of motorist from the parking lot. Would like to have it installed May 1st.

Ben Stinematos

Presented an Eagle Scout project to improve the front of the Village Hall. The project is presented to the board for approval then a plan is put together of all the work to be done that will be submitted to the district leader for approval. Once the project is approved construction will begin.

Completion time line would be 6 months, depending on the work that needs to be done and the approval process. It will be lead by Ben and then assisted by volunteers. Paul Myszka and Maureen Roach will be assisting in the planning of the project. This will be a large project, which will include handicap ramp and updating.

Have one other Eagle Scout project going on at the school and some other upcoming projects

Cross Creek

The Zoning Board of Appeals Recommend that the Village Board considers the request of Steve Miller to Rezone a portion of Cross Creek Plaza from C-2 Commercial to R-1 Residential as well as grant the variance requested

There is not a demand for commercial out there that's way the rezoning is being requested the variance is being asking for to make the lots more affordable, there will be 32 residential lots. It's estimated the lots will sell for between \$35,000.00 and \$40,000.00. An adjustment will need to be made so the sump pump discharge does not go into the ditches.

Detention basin is almost complete

Motion to approve the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals to rezone Cross Creek Plaza from C-2 to R-1 by Paul Myszka
Second by Mike Sumner
Carried unanimously

Motion to approve the recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a variance in Cross Creek Plaza by Paul Myszka
Second by Mike James
Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-12 amending Resolution 2009-09, approving the appointments to the Zoning Board of Appeals by Mike James
Second by Mike Sumner
Carried unanimously

Garbage and Recycling bids

Sealed bids for the garbage/recycling contract were opened, bids were submitted by-

Casali and Sons

Henson Disposal

Allied Waste

Area Disposal

The lowest bidder was Casali and Sons

Casali has always been there when they needed and endured some pretty challenging times during sewer construction.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-13 authorizing and accepting the bid submitted for garbage and recycling services for the Village of Downs and respectively setting the collection rates by Mike Freimann

Second by Mike Sumner

Carried unanimously

Engineer Report

Sewer is finally working and Kevin has been great at getting the pump station up and running. Corn Belt agreement is still outstanding, therefore we are not going to release the any money to them.

Met with the city of Bloomington and gave them a copy of the sewer system video and a check for the design portion.

Downs crossing water main in permitted, next step is to get easements from the property owners, 9 need to be secured.

In May hope to have the final submittal for sewer cost. If there is any punch list items let Farnsworth know. Notified Fisher about seeding- no response. Will be holding their check until we get some seeding done. Seeding is a warranty item. Huff there is not recourse with them. Chapter 15 Ordinance has been amended to allow for the plumbing code.

Motion to approve Resolution 2012-14 the motor fuel program for fiscal year 2012 by Mike James

Second by Mike Sumner

Carried unanimously

Chapter 12 Village Code

A 7 day notice has to be given to property owners before a shut off can be done- the best idea is to move up the due date to the 15th.

Have to amend several provisions and then need to notify every household that the due date will be the 15th instead of the 20th.

Leaving the date on the 20th will not give us enough time.

Notice will be put in the newsletter then we will change the ordinance in May

Motion to approve purchasing a truck from Downs Township by Mike James

Second by Paul Myszka

Carried unanimously

Same truck that was used for snowplowing

Motion to approve signature for Emerald Ash Borer Compliance Agreement by Mike James
Second by Paul Myszka
Carried unanimously

This is an agreement with the State to show we are in compliance with the Emerald Ash Borer Laws.

Trees that are infected cannot leave the county,

Motion to approve TIF 1 funds be used not to exceed \$500.00 for playground equipment by Mary Goveia
Second by Maureen Roach
Carried unanimously

This is the \$500.00 deductible for the tunnel replacement-

Motion to enter closed session by personal, acquisition of land and potential litigation by Mike James
Second by Mike Sumner
Carried unanimously

Motion to approve a wage increase of .75 cents for the Streets Department Employee by Mike James
Second by Mike Sumner
Carried unanimously

Motion to approve sending a letter to the Farmland Subdivision Developer to comply with obligations set forth in Resolution 2011-20 by April 13, 2012 by Paul Myszka
Second by Mike Freimann
Maureen Roach, Mike James, Mike Sumner, Mike Freimann and Paul Myszka voted yes
Mary Goveia voted no
Carried in a 5-1 vote

This is to comply with the resolution. A Plan of completion was to be submitted based on the resolution which has not happened.

Mayor

Getting bids for water plant and hall to install the sewer- labor will be donated
Would like to get volunteers for the pavilions and youth center also

Building

1 permit issued

Over 50 people for the phone system

Building next to hall will be torn down in warmer weather. If he does not do it, we can take action to get it done. Pressure can be put on the owner to do something if it causes a hazard.

Water /Sewer

Tools have been purchased to help with meter installs as well as a new computer and printer.

Kevin is working through the list given to him when he started. The compliance issues with the IEPA have been cleared up. A plan in place to help push chlorine into the system to oxidize more

of the iron in the water. A better list of the water shut off location is being put together. Right now plant repairs and lowering the iron content in the water are main focus.

Police/Garbage

Garbage contract should be kept to 5 years, not 7.

Streets

Doing road side gravel but there is still more to do

Speed limit flags will be coming down and new stop signs East of Gadwall will be put up.

Contacting the Rail Road regarding the tracks and Lincoln Street extended.

Will need to purchase a push mower for mowing the cemetery hill and getting an edger attachment for the weed eater

Parks/Youth Center

Working on the 4th of July plans activities

Breakfast Saturday followed by the Easter egg hunt

Kickapoo park pathways will be marked, and then chips will be spread

Have a person that might be interested in park committee position

Finance

Nothing further

Discussion items

Deeding the shed is a problem because we don't have a true legal. Dawn will work on getting a more accurate legal description.

Motion to pay the bills by Maureen Roach

Second by Mary Goveia

Carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn by Paul Myszka

Second by Maureen Roach

Carried unanimously

10:15 pm