

MEETING MINUTES

June 7, 2012

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM

Maureen Roach, Mary Goveia, Mike James, Mike Freimann and Paul Myszka all present
Mike Sumner absent

Motion to approve Meeting Minutes by Mike Freimann
Second by Mike James
Carried unanimously

Public Comment

Ben Stinemat's Eagle Scout project will be updating the Village of Downs sign which will be in 2 phases, planning then details and specifics.

Farmland Subdivision- The rock put on the road has objects in it that could cause a hazard. Something needs to happen with the road, if the developer is responsible replace it then make him pay.
Steps are being taken by the Village to force the developer to complete the road. It won't be a 5-7 year process, but it could be 30 days.
The developer is responsible for the road until it's finished and dedicated. This issue will not be resolved without legal action

Would the village consider speed bumps on Huff Road?
Need to police it better. That will be addressed. Speed bumps and stop signs are a last resort
Property on Huff road must be annexed in and approved by BNWRD before it can be hooked to sewer.

Motion to approve moving the July 5 2012 meeting to July 12, 2012 by Paul Myszka
Second by Maureen Roach
Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to approve payment of bills on July 5th if meeting is moved by Mike Freimann
Second by Mike James
Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to approve Village Food Pantry and appointments by Mary Goveia
Second by Paul Myszka
Motion carried unanimously

Discussion

This is a Village of Downs food pantry operated by the Village of Downs. Mary Goveia would be taking on the responsibility of the food pantry and Ed Carter would be operating it as a volunteer
All prepackaged food from the Midwest Food Bank. This is an in and out pantry, not long term, have up to 7 days to turn it around. The trailer has a freezer, air conditioner and refrigerator.
There will need to be an additional refrigerator and freezer in the pavilion.
Looking at 2 distributions a month.
It will be sponsored by the Village, with funds coming in that will be monitored by Treasurer.
This will be an additional fund. It will be income of donations and a benefit to the Park because some fees will offset expenses at the park for utilities and cleaning supplies.

Motions approving the Food Panty utilize various Village of Downs community buildings by Mary Goveia

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion Carried unanimously

Discussion

The buildings would be pavilion, youth center and haunted house as a last resort

Motion approving extension of Dooley Park hours on July 3, 2012 to 12:00 AM by Mary Goveia

Motion Second by Maureen Roach

Carried unanimously

Motion approving sponsorship for Tri-Valley golf outing by Maureen Roach

Second Mary Goveia

Motion Carried unanimously

Have sponsored in the past a cart for \$50.00

Motion to approve advertising in the Tri-Valley program by Maureen Roach

Second by Mike James

Motion Carried Unanimously

Discussion

\$135.00 this has been done in the past.

Motion approving Sheriff's Office use of Village Hall as a sub-station by Mike James

Second by Mike Freimann

Motion Carried unanimously

Discussion

Have a substation to write reports.

Downs is the only Village that is not on EGIS, which is a report management system that shares information with the whole county

The county will provide a laptop with all the software needed.

Motion approving Water Plant Proposal by Mary Goveia

Second by Mike Freimann

Motion Carried unanimously

Discussed

Kevin gets 10 days vacation, this would be to operate the plant and take samples daily, which takes about 2-3 hours a day. It would be just to cover 2 hours of plant operations. Paul can do this on a volunteer basis under Perry's agreement. There are some things that will need to be covered by a licensed operator which would have to be Perry at \$45.00 per hour.

Motion to enter into executive session for possible litigation by Mike Freimann

Second by Mike James

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion approving amended easement agreement and related documents for Downs Automotive by Mike Freimann

Second by Mike James

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to proceed with legal action against Farmland Subdivision Developer by Mike James
Second by Mike Freimann
Maureen Roach, Mike James, Mike Freimann and Paul Myszka voted yes
Mary Goveia voted no
Motion Carried 4-1

Motion to approve Ordinance 2012-22 enacting and approving an amended Cable Television franchise agreement as outlined in the body of ordinance between Mediacom Illinois, LLC and the Village o Downs and authorizing the Mayor to negotiate on those terms for operation of a cable television system by Mike James
Second by Paul Myszka
Motion Carried unanimously

Motion approving Ordinance 2012-23 amended building code by Paul Myszka
Second by Mike James
Motion Carried unanimously

Motion approving Ordinance 2012-24 Prevailing Wage act of Illinois by Mike James
Second by Mike Freimann
Motion Carried unanimously

Motion approving Resolution 2012-25 quit claim deed for Outlots 4,23,46,78 in Mallard Point Subdivision by Mike James
Second by Mike Freimann
Motion Carried unanimously

Water report

Last month has been mostly Julie locates and sewer connections. Water usage has been higher. The iron is still a concern. Hydrant flushing has begun and system wide flushing began today, it will be pumped until the water is clear.

It will take to the end of June to get everything clear.

Can we use the phone system to let everyone know of the hydrant flushing as well as the website and flyer.

Mayor report

Would like to reintroduce community based committees

Building

Sent letter to garage property owners requesting a plan in writing. Received an estimate for demolition and have a meeting with an asbestos inspector. Would like someone from the board contact the other owner to let them know what needs to be done.

Water/Sewer

1 work order 27 months old that is finally done

71 installed 150 permits issued 19 active permits

Kevin has been working with contractors to make sure rock is put on the road on hot days.

Health department wanted permission to send a letter to the homeowners that have questionable septic systems.

Police/ garbage

None

Streets

Due to the loss of the Township operator and other changes, like PWS, we are going to look into backhoe instead of a tractor.

Railroad regarding the Main street crossing- nothing yet

Parks/Youth Center

Breakfast on 6/2

Getting a donation for the car show to offset expense so all profit will go to 4th

Theme is- Freedom Celebration

Gary and Marla Brotherton are Grand Marshall

Dave Bach buying gravel for Kickapoo park entrance off Huff Road. Over ½ trails chipped now.

Park looks good thanks to Cody and a committee service person

Estimate is approx \$6,700.00 for both pavilion and youth center for sewer hook up

Finance Report

None

Talked about putting money aside for a new mower, need to think about trading in the mower we have, need to get a figure for trade in on a new one.

Treasurer Report

Sewer fund is a little different

MFT needs 20 for bank charges

Filter inspection was not allowed for in water

Needs building rehab figures- permanent fixtures can be paid by TIF

Motion to pay bills by Maureen Roach

Second by Mary Goveia

Motion Carried unanimously

Motion to adjourn by Maureen Roach

Second by Mike Freimann

Motion Carried unanimously