

MEETING MINUTES  
August 2, 2012

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

**Motion** to approve meeting minutes by Mike Freimann

Second by Mike James

Maureen Roach- abstained

Mary Goveia, Mike James, Mike Sumner, Mike Freimann and Paul Myszka voted yes

Motion carried

**Public Comment**

**Indian Hills stop sign**

Several citizens were present to express their opinion regarding the stop sign recently installed on Harvey Road. The board passed an ordinance in 2009 approving installation of the stop sign. Some citizens feel it's not necessary and will just cause more of a hazard because motorists are not stopping and some have indicated they will run it over.

Lowering the speed limit was suggested as a better resolution to slow people down instead of the sign.

Winter was a concern because the stop sign is on a hill and may cause issues for motorists as well as the school buses.

Opinions were also expressed by the citizens present in support of the stop signs.

**Downs Automotive-**

Amended agreement was sent to Mr. Brown's attorney for review. He felt a couple items were in the agreement that were not discussed as part of the revisions.

The final agreement is still in negotiation, but getting closer.

**Eagle Scout Project**

Ben Stinmates presented his proposal as the next in the planning. The proposal will need to be signed by the Village in order for him to proceed.

The current welcome to Downs sign will be replaced with new signs similar to the Village Market signs and will be made by the same company the market used. The sign will include the Village logo. Donations will be collected and if it's not enough to cover the cost the Village would pay for the additional expenses. The main expense will be for the signs themselves.

**Engineer Report**

Downs Crossing easement letters going out again, first round did not go so well.

Farnsworth presented the board with a plaque and a history of the sewer project.

**Motion** to approve engineers review for Cross Creek Subdivision by Paul Myszka

Second by Mike Sumner

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** to approve Resolution 2012-28 Cross Creek Subdivision final plat by Mike Freimann

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** approving work permits for Frontier Communications by Mike Freimann  
Second by Mike Sumner  
Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** to approve moving the September 2012 Village Board meeting to the Downs Community Fire Department by Paul Myszka  
Second by Mike Freimann  
Motion carried unanimously  
Moving it in anticipation of the rehab work being in process in September at the Village Hall.

**Motion** approving usage of Downs Community Fire Department for Village operations during Village hall rehab by Mike Freimann  
Second by Paul Myszka  
Motion carried unanimously  
We will coordinate with the fire station to get everything moved. The phones will be forwarded and the lockbox will be moved. Signs will be put up to let citizens know where the office and lockbox is located during construction

**Motion** to approve appointing Janice Cuba as Treasurer by Maureen Roach  
Second by Mary Goveia  
Motion carried unanimously

**Motion** approving Resolution 2012-29 Mediacom franchise agreement by Mike James  
Second by Paul Myszka  
Motion carried unanimously  
This authorizing Ryan to sign and send to Mediacom

### **Mayor**

Roof for the pavilion will be done when it cools off.  
Chief Deerwester will now be doing the traffic control at the school between 3:15 and 3:30.  
The school was contacted about the stop sign on Harvey Road, they are in favor of it but would like the speed limit lowered as well. The bus stops will remain the same.

### **Building**

Everything has been covered earlier in the meeting, nothing further to report

### **Water/Sewer**

208 sewer permits issued and 20 health department permits turned in. still need responses from approximately 160 property owners

Once the September deadline has been reached we need to consider sending out a letter to the property owners that have not complied giving a reasonable amount of time to respond and comply.

Give them 30 days to respond on how they are going to comply.

We will be reasonable for property owners needing an extension.

The only recourse the way the ordinance reads now is to charge with a misdemeanor for ordinance violation

The generator has been tested and reprogramed it will tested again in August.

Hydrant flushing is complete

Water in the wells is in good shape

Design work on the Washington Street is in the works

The sewer at 19 Quail Court was connected and covered up without an inspection being done. A resolution needs to be reached so the sewer can be inspected. The property owner feels he was misinformed by the Village Hall that the inspection had already been signed off on. The easiest resolution is to have the system inspection by camera to try and prevent the whole thing from being dug up. The Village will cover the expense of the camera inspection. If the camera inspection determines there are problems with the system the contractor will have to dig it up and fix the issues. That would be at the expense of the contractor and/ or property owner. If the system passes the inspection, no further action is needed.

#### **Police/Garbage**

Sheriff office called about the Egis system which has been approved. After the rehab is done they will be using space in the Hall.

#### **Street Report**

Tractor is put on hold, looking into a backhoe instead. Researching price and what would be best for the Village old or new.

Got an estimate on a new one with a lease to buy option, but a new one would give us a warranty.

Spray patch is completed

Mowing as needed

#### **Parks/Youth Center**

Have events lined up that proceeds will go toward the 4<sup>th</sup>

The cost of the 4<sup>th</sup> is getting higher each year and approx \$ 9,000.00 in donations was needed

This year the weather was the issue and dividing between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

The 5k did not have as many runners as we would like

#### **Finance**

Insurance reports

**Motion** to pay the bills by Mike James

Second by Mike Sumner

Motion Carried unanimously

**Motion** to continue the board meeting till August 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 by Mike Sumner

Second by Maureen Roach

Motion carried unanimously

### **August 16, 2012** Reconvened meeting

Called to order at 7:00 PM

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

Hanson Engineering and members from McLean County Highway Department were present to discuss the plans for the Washington Street reconstruction between Route 150 and Seminary.

The property owners along Washington were contacted to get their input. The main thing most property owners would like is a sidewalk on both sides of the road.

The board was asked to let them know what infrastructure improvements they would like or possible trouble spots.

The tile system on the area has caused flooding problems, but is finally under control. A map of the tiles will be given to Hanson and the County so the design plan can account for the tile and water main placement.

The handicapped access will be updated to be in compliance with the current State requirements. Side streets will be graded so they transition smoothly as possible.

Construction estimated to begin late May or June of 2013, they want to work with the school and the Village when it comes to the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities to make the construction as small of an inconvenience as possible

Will be coordinating with the utilities that will be affected along Washington.

Once the design is complete a public meeting will be held to present the plan and get public input. Hanson and the County will be in constant contact with the Village as issues come up to find out how the board would like to proceed.

There is Fiber Optics to be aware of by the school.

Motion to adjourn by Mike Freimann

Second by Paul Myszka

Motion carried unanimously