

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE
SEPTEMBER 8, 2009**

A meeting of the Public Works Committee was held this date at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers at the Municipal Centre, 7401 Meyer Road, Chairperson Ron Kopke presiding.

Call to Order. The following committee members were present: Chairperson Ron Kopke; Members Jim Anhalt, Del Houghton and Pat Mazzanti - 4. Absent: None. Also in attendance for the village were Matt Wittum, Public Works Crew Leader, and Tom Sanders, Chief of Police/ Executive Assistant.

New Business

Presentation from Swederski Concrete Construction on Ultra Thin White Topcoating. Terry Swederski gave a short presentation on using a 2 to 3 inch top coating verses using asphalt. He mentioned the longer life of concrete might make this type of top coating less expensive. One problem indicated by the committee was the amount of time associated with a two or three drying periods verses immediate use for asphalt.

Discuss McHenry County Right-of-Way Policy Addition. The committee approved adding a section to the Public Works Policy Manual regarding obtaining a county permit each time the village needs to work in the county right-of-way. This matter will be recommended to the Board of Trustees for their approval.

Discuss Winn Road Bike Path. It was estimated that there is a 1,000 foot section of path that needs to be completed from the Whitetail Crossing subdivision to the Thousand Oaks subdivision. There is still a small section through private property that needs an easement and Chief Sanders will investigate if an easement can be obtained. Public Works has put aside the last week in October to work on this path.

Discuss 2009-2010 Salt Purchase. Crew Leader Wittum reported that the price for salt this year is \$64.27 per ton versus \$146 a ton last year. He has ordered a minimum of 960 tons with an option to purchase up to 1,440 tons. The salt storage barn is currently full which translates into a comfortable position for having enough salt for this coming winter season.

Update on Road Program. The village has received grant money for resurfacing Meyer Road and Main Street from the western Village limit east to Blivin Street.

Discuss Drainage Issue on Bonner Lane. Responding to reports of poor or no drainage along Bonner Lane, the village determined the 5 inch perforated pipe the village placed in this ditch is not functioning. It was estimated that installing a larger solid pipe, similar to the one on Deer Trail would cost \$60,000 for the 1,700 feet of pipe needed to correct the existing problem. Public Works will recommend budgeting for this work over a number of years before the work is completed.

Discuss Painting at the Wastewater Treatment Plant. Manhard Consultants indicated that the railings and tanks needed to be painted again. Attempts to obtain student help from MCC have failed and it will be necessary to repaint these again. They were painted two years ago but the fumes are very corrosive. The committee discussed replacing the rails with stainless steel or painting them with a coating that can withstand the corrosive atmosphere. Chairperson Kopke will consult with Manhard to obtain cost estimate for a different rail material or get cost estimates for painting with a different type of coating.

Discuss Delineation of Duties between the Public Works and Building Departments. The committee discussed removing the maintenance of the public works buildings from Building Inspector Mack Sherman and have public works be responsible for all public works buildings. Next year, it will be necessary to re-allocate funds for this purpose from Building and Zoning to Public Works.

Public Comment. None.

Other Business. Member Anhalt inquired about the plugged drains by the first two lots on Michigan Avenue. Public Works will try to jet the drains from both directions in an attempt to improve drainage. It appears they may be a catch basin or manhole that got covered when the berm behind these houses was put in. If that is the case it may be necessary to locate and restore the catch basin.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Ron Kopke, Public Works Chairperson