

**MEETING MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
OF THE VILLAGE OF SPRING GROVE  
JUNE 26, 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**

**Discuss Policy for Working in McHenry County Right-of-Way.** Crew Leader Wittum mentioned that McHenry County now requires their permission to perform any work in their right-of-way. A short discussion followed with regard to the procedures that must be followed to obtain permission and if the village could get an annual permission permit similar to the state permit. It was determined the village will need a new permit for each time it performs any work in the right-of-way.

**Discuss Kubota Mower Problems.** Currently both zero turn Kubota tractors are not working because of transmission problems. These tractors were purchased in 2005 for \$8,900.00 and are 4 years old. They have been repaired numerous times at no cost to the village but the amount of down time has become a problem. Member Mazananti asked if a different dealer should be considered. Chairperson Kopke indicated that the village might look at different methods to trade these in and finance the tractors over an extended period of time. Kubota will come before the Finance Committee to explain the problems.

**Update on Cracksealing.** Crew Leader Wittum reported that the following streets have been completed: Holian, Cherrywood, Hawthorn, Cedar and Bradley Court in the Orchard Bluff area. Additionally, Winn Road to Richardson and Richardson to the village limits were finished and a portion of Meyer Road and some patching in Springdale are finished. There are four subdivisions that still need to be sealed as well as portions of Sunset and Meyer Road. Crew Leader Wittum has contacted Algonquin Township to make arrangements for the crack sealing that is owed in exchange for patching services.

**Update on Oak Valley Drainage.** The drainage work was completed by the contractor but it may be necessary to add more fill to the area to eliminate the wetness in the ball diamond.

**Update on Deer Trail Drainage.** The contractor is still working with the homeowners in this area to prevent standing water in the drainage ditches along Deer Trail.

**Public Discussion.** None.

**Other Business.** There was a short discussion about who is responsible for maintaining the baseball fields at Thelen Park because they are in need of mowing and finishing. It was determined that RBBA should be involved in the maintenance.

It was brought to the committee's attention that a resident thought the Village should provide free brush pickup after storms. It was decided that residents should buy yard waste stickers so the Village does not compete with its waste hauler for brush pickup.

Finally, Chairperson Kopke brought attention to the fact that thousands of gallons of storm water are entering manholes through poor seals around the sanitary sewer and the manhole. This could be the result of the manholes never being sealed correctly due to a lack of engineering supervision. A short discussion revolved around the need for full time inspection versus the cost savings of part time inspection.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ron Kopke, Public Works Chairperson