

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

April 20, 2011
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 8:40 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner William Peach, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Glenn Loyet, Jim Hursey, Kenneth Joseph and Gary Hursey; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup, General Assistance Administrator/Recorder Sheri Heil and Recorder Susan Parkinson.

Others present: Douglas Scott, Pat Judge, Vern Boeckman, Dan Bowman, Dennis Sullivan, Steve Ficker, Andrea Fohne, Debbie Fohne, Gary Fohne and Gerard Helldoerfer.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Jim Hursey to approve the minutes of the previous Highway Commissioner's Meeting and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Peach stated the Road District had done the following during the period of March 17th, 2011 to April 20th, 2011:

- Cut brush around bridges
- Placed rip-rap in washout on right-of-way
- Changed oil on trucks and tractors (as necessary), oiled equipment used for snow removal and fixed the control in the 2000 International truck
- On March 26th plowed snow and salted roads
- Picked up and delivered voting supplies then returned them following the election
- Picked up trash and cleaned culverts
- Used ditcher attachment to clean ditches
- Installed a driveway culvert on Weil Road and replaced cross culvert on Hagemann Road
- Replaced curve to left and stop sign on south Haury Road, replaced post on Dressel Road and a left hazard sign on Old Lebanon Troy Road

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach stated he had attended the Highway Commissioner's Seminar the end March. Peach stated the seminar was well attended. Representatives of IDOT (Illinois

Department of Transportation) were present along with other speakers. He also attended a Storm Water meeting in Belleville. The required permit has increase an additional \$500.

Peach stated he had attended the Annual Elected Township Officials of St. Clair County dinner. The discussion focused on police response issues. A map was distributed showing all the Townships in St. Clair County with the numbers of calls made within the rural areas which were not responded to by the St. Clair County Sherriff's Department. O'Fallon Township is listed at 316 (three hundred sixteen) calls. A proposal is being considered to have a referendum at the Annual Town Meeting to add a line item within each Townships budget for police protection. A discussion followed.

Highway Commissioner Peach stated he had the bid opening for hauling and installing asphalt. Only one bid was received, it was from Christ Bros. Asphalt. The unit price is \$79.95 (seventy-nine dollars and ninety-five cents) per ton and last year it was \$69.74 (sixty-nine dollars and seventy-four cents) per ton.

READING AND APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$ 104,326.47
Road & Bridge Fund	28,168.07

Trustee Glenn Loyet questioned Highway Commissioner Peach on the invoice from Best One for the purchase of 4 (four) tires on what truck they were put on. He has previously requested the truck information be put on all invoices as applicable. Peach stated it was an oversight. Trustee Gary Hursey questioned why the tires were purchased from Best One in Breese, IL. Peach responded it was due to the state discount.

Trustee Glenn Loyet questioned the difference in the documents submitted by Road District employee Gary Fohne and Highway Commissioner Bill Peach for the reimbursement of the fees associated with renewing their CDL (Commercial Drivers License). Loyet noted Gary Fohne had submitted a receipt and Highway Commissioner Peach submitted the letter stating he needs to renew his license. Peach stated he made several trips due to different circumstances and the receipt was among the paperwork they kept. Trustee Glenn Loyet stated the Township needs to keep a copy of the current license for anyone who drives a Township owned vehicle in their personnel file. Adding it would show the class for which type of vehicle they are allowed to drive.

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to authorize the payment of the Road District bills and seconded by Trustee Jim Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet - aye; J. Hursey - aye; Ahle - aye; K. Joseph - aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Dennis Sullivan, engineer for the City of O'Fallon, addressed the Board on continuing the discussion regarding the intersection of Seven Hills Road and Old Vincennes Trail which began during the Road District Budget Hearing held prior to this meeting. The reconstruction of the intersection can not move forward until the City of O'Fallon receives a letter of permission or a jurisdictional transfer of the leg which is currently within the jurisdiction of the O'Fallon Township Road District. Sullivan added there is a time limitation which could cause them to lose the funding. A discussion followed regarding contact with the property owner who would

be affected by the reconstruction. Although it is non-binding since the Board can not control the actions of the Highway Commissioner, Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to officially go on record as supporting the City of O'Fallon's effort to reconstruct the intersection of Seven Hills Road and Old Vincennes Trail and recommend that the Highway Commissioner give approval to the city for the north leg of the intersection and seconded by Trustee Glenn Loyet as representing the residents of O'Fallon Township. Roll Call: Loyet - aye; J. Hursey - aye; Ahle - aye; K. Joseph - aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

Resident Vern Boeckman expressed concern over the safety of the children on the school buses which drive on Weil Road every day. He asked if the Board could contact the bus company and advise them of the unsafe conditions on Weil Road. Trustee Gary Hursey agreed and asked Highway Commissioner Peach to send such a letter. Peach agreed stating he would be fixing the problem once all underground utilities are marked.

Resident Doug Scott questioned Dennis Sullivan on the amount of property needed for the roundabout, specifically regarding the Townships portion. Sullivan stated from the intersection to the Public Safety Building on Seven Hills Road belongs to the Township. The roundabout will extend approximately 200 feet (Township portion is approximately 800 feet) but the City has agreed to construct a sidewalk from the roundabout to the Public Safety Building on the west side of the street. A brief discussion regarding future jurisdiction followed. Town Clerk Dave Witter asked Dennis Sullivan if the proposed roundabout would be larger than the one located on State Street. He responded that the one on State Street is an extreme exception to the rule. Dan Bowman, engineer for the City of O'Fallon, added the State Street roundabout will fit in the center island of the proposed roundabout. Debbie Fohne inquired about any time constraints they may be under. Sullivan answered the construction contract has to be in place within the next 9 (nine) months. A discussion followed regarding the construction of more roundabouts in the future. Highway Commissioner Peach asked Sullivan about meeting with the City engineers and project designers for further discussion in which Sullivan agreed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to adjourn the Highway Commissioner's meeting and seconded by Trustee Jim Hursey. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk