

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

August 18, 2010
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:01 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

Supervisor Gary Ahle, Highway Commissioner William Peach, Town Clerk David M. Witter, Trustees: Kenneth Joseph, Jim Hursey and Gary Hursey, Attorney Cory Easton and Deputy Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to excuse Trustee Glenn Loyet and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Motion Carried.

Others present: Gary Fohne

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Jim Hursey to approve the minutes of the previous Road District Meeting on July 21, 2010 as presented and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Peach stated the Road District had done the following during the period of July 22nd to August 18th, 2010:

- Mowing, weedeating & picked up trash along roads
- Helped Lebanon Township oil on August 2nd, 2010
- Helped Caseyville Township oil on August 9th & 10th, 2010
- Lebanon and Caseyville help us oil on August 17th, 2010
- Replaced culvert on Pohlman Road 12x24
- Replaced winding road sign on Richwood School Road also curve to right, 2 (two) hazard signs and another winding road sign that was missing and stop ahead sign
- Replaced blades on a spreader for chipping
- Tandem developed an oil leak while oiling, an O-ring fixed the problem
- Same tandem developed a leak in the radiator and the A.C. clutch is grinding, the truck is now at Dave Schmidt awaiting repairs

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Bill Peach stated the Road District crew and himself have obtained the certification cards for the Flagger Training Course which is required by law.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach stated the contractor is awaiting the updated dated plans on the Behrens – Carson Project. Once they are received the project will begin.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road	\$42,873.50
Road & Bridge	24,968.05

Trustee Gary Hursey asked about the credit on the invoice from St. Clair Service Co. Highway Commissioner Peach stated it was from a previous months balance. Trustee Kenneth Joseph questioned the amount of \$40,279.25 being paid to Gonzales Companies. Highway Commissioner Peach stated it was only the beginning of the engineering expense needed for Rieder Road. A brief discussion followed regarding the Rieder Road project. Trustee Joseph also asked the Highway Commissioner if he had any plans on raises for the Road District employees. Highway Commissioner Peach stated he would not be giving any raises. Trustee Gary Hursey asked if there was any reason the Road District employees didn’t receive a raise. Highway Commissioner Peach responded no and he would discuss personnel problems or pay raises with any of the trustees personally after the meeting. A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to authorize the bills of the Highway Commissioner and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Roll Call: J. Hursey – aye; Ahle – aye; Joseph – aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Highway Commissioner Bill Peach stated he believes there is a misunderstanding between the Trustees and the duties of the Highway Commissioner. He stated according to the Guides and Duties book the Trustees do not run the Road District. The Highway Commissioner was elected to maintain the roads and any decisions made regarding the roads would be his alone. Trustee Gary Hursey stated it sounded like Highway Commissioner did not want any advice from the Trustees. Highway Commissioner Peach stated he was referring to the Trustees extending themselves into territory they should not be involved in. Trustee Gary Hursey stated he is also a tax payer and can question the Highway Commissioner as an elected official. Highway Commissioner Peach stated he didn’t mind being questioned, he was referring to some of the things the Trustees are doing. He added it is not hurting him but hurting the tax payers. According to Peach the money moved in the Road District budget is where it can not be used; that is interfering with the Highway Commissioners job and it is hurting the tax payers. Trustee Gary Hursey stated all the money levied by the Highway Commissioner was not needed which is hurting the tax payers. Highway Commissioner Peach stated it was necessary to raise the levy the maximum amount in order to receive the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funding which ranges between \$50,000 to \$80,000 annually. Trustee Gary Hursey stated the MFT funding is not needed since the Road District carries over a \$1,000,000 each year. Peach stated the carry over is needed in order to save for future road projects. Gary Hursey stated the Highway Commissioner is not required to listen to the Board but suggested he should. Peach referenced he was not able to purchase a new truck because of the budget changes by the Board and now it is needing repairs plus it is hurting the Road District employees because he can not replace the only truck that does not have air conditioning. Trustee Jim Hursey questioned why a truck was

purchased without air conditioning to begin with. Peach responded it was not available with air conditioning. It was determined the truck being spoke of is a 1998 model. Gary Hursey stated diesel trucks have been available with air conditioning since the 1960's. Peach stated it was purchased from a state bid and had to accept is as it was. Highway Commissioner stated if things don't change and the Board doesn't study and follow the Guides and Duties book this issue will end up in court. Trustee Jim Hursey stated the Highway Commissioner should remember who he is working for (referring to the tax payers). Peach responded he did not have a problem with the people he is working for (tax payers).

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to adjourn the Highway Commissioner's meeting and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk