

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

September 15, 2010

O'Fallon Township

801 E. State St.

O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

A motion was made by Supervisor Gary Ahle to excuse Trustee Jim Hursey and seconded by Trustee Kenneth Joseph. Motion Carried.

Others present: Gary Fohne and Vern Boeckmann

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

To clarify the minutes of the previous Highway Commissioner's Meeting (August 18, 2010) under New Business, the wording of the Behrens – Carson Project was added. Supervisor Gary Ahle made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous Highway Commissioner's Meeting as amended 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 August 19th to September 15th, 2010:

- Picked up loose chips with the street sweeper on all roads that were oiled
- Cleaned road oil off trucks used while oiling roads
- Picked up trash, used weedeater and mowed
- Replaced main and gutter brooms, cleaned and greased street sweeper
- Inspected 2 (two) trucks
- Picked up loose gravel signs
- Serviced tractors used for mowing
- Helped Caseyville haul millings for approximately 3 (three) hours

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach stated work began today on the Behrens – Carson Project. He also stated the Board received a copy of a letter from Gonzales Companies, LLC explaining the bids for the Behrens – Carson Project.

APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER’S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	48,691.54
Road & Bridge Fund		38,978.72
Bridge Fund		0

Trustee Gary Hursey questioned Highway Commissioner Peach about the invoice from Crown Equipment in the amount of \$19,753.00. Peach responded a Tar Kettle had been purchased. Trustee Gary Hursey inquired if the Road District had gone out for bids since the actual cost of the machine was \$24,753 (\$5,000 deducted for trade in) and it was purchased from a company in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri. Peach replied he has been doing business with Crown Equipment for several years and they have always been good to work with. A brief discussion followed. Trustee Glenn Loyet asked Highway Commissioner Peach about the towing bill for \$300. Peach stated a tandem truck had to be towed from the Township to Dave Schmidt at Industrial Park in Belleville because of the radiator. Peach added the invoice has been submitted to our insurance company, TOIRMA (Township Officials of Illinois Risk Management Association), whom will reimburse the Road District \$250 of the expense. Trustee Kenneth Joseph made a motion to authorize the payment of the Road District bills as presented and seconded by Supervisor Gary Ahle. Roll Call: G. Loyet – aye; G. Ahle – aye; K Joseph – aye and G. Hursey – nay. Motion Carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

Vern Boeckmann introduced himself to the Board stating he had sent an email to the Township regarding the condition of Quarry Road. He was impressed with the quality of the road after it had been blacktopped and surprised when it was turned into a wash board with an over supply of chips on the new asphalt. Several days later he saw Township equipment on Quarry Road removing the excess chips and hauling it away. He believed there was a lot of money used during this process. He questioned if this is the best practice to overlay new asphalt with tar and chips and if he can expect to see the State on Illinois doing the same on Highway 50. He is upset that the Highway Commissioner continues to carry over a million dollar balance from one year to the next and taxes continue to go up. He does not believe the tax money is being spent wisely. Highway Commissioner Bill Peach stated you can ride on the Township roads and tell which roads have been blacktopped, oiled and chipped and which have not been. He used Simmons Road as an example. Peach stated it is common practice when you oil and chip to leave the chips on the road till they get run in then pick up the excess chips with the street sweeper. He stated he had been doing this since 1997. He claims this process strengthens the asphalt. Boeckmann questioned on whether the State Department does the same. Peach responded the State of Illinois did use the same process in St. Jacob to Marine and the County has done the same. He offered to take Mr. Boeckmann out on the Township roads. Mr. Boeckmann declined stating the Highway Commissioner should be busy working. Trustee Glenn Loyet stated he had received a complaint

from a resident who lives on Quarry Road stating the Highway Commissioner must have a lot of excess money he is trying to use by using tar and chips on top of new asphalt. Trustee Kenneth Joseph stated on Weil Road you can tell the difference where the Township oil and chipped the road and the City of O'Fallon has done nothing to their section. According to Trustee Joseph, the Township portion is fine and the City's portion is crumbling apart. Trustee Joseph added he did not know where the policy came from but believes it is proof what the Road District is doing does work. Trustee Glenn Loyet agreed the City portion is bad but believes it is due to them not doing anything to it. Trustee Loyet stated he was informed at a conference that a sealer can be used instead of oiling and chipping over new asphalt. He added the Township roads are in good shape but wonders if what the Highway Commissioner is doing is overkill. Spending money we don't need to spend. Highway Commissioner Peach stated the east end of Weil Road has been there since 1999 and has only needed one area patched. Mr. Boeckmann stated he has said everything he wanted to say about the issue but feels as though he wasn't listened to by Highway Commissioner Peach.

Trustee Gary Hursey stated at the last meeting there was a long discussion between the Highway Commissioner and himself regarding listening to the public which he (Mr. Boeckmann) is trying to do. He believes it would be wise of the Highway Commissioner to listen to the public more and give real answers when asked.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk