

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

July 20, 2011
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: Jeff Bevirt and Kenneth Joseph; Deputy Town Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup and Attorney Cory Easton.

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

Others present: Gerard Helldoerfer, Steve Ficker and Pat Judge.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to approve the minutes of the previous Highway Commissioner's Meeting as presented and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Peach stated the Road District had done the following during the period of June 15th, 2011 to July 20th, 2011:

- ☆ Replaced several cross culverts on Hageman and North Rieder Roads
- ☆ Mowed weeds, picked up trash and cleaned culverts
- ☆ On the blacktopped roads the Road District has begun placing roto millings along the shoulders
- ☆ Cut and chipped dead trees along Bowler and County Line Roads
- ☆ Prepared trucks for road oiling in Lebanon; one truck required repair of an oil leak
- ☆ Hauled load of scrap culverts for recycling receiving approximately \$665 (six hundred and sixty five dollars) for a little less than 3,000 (three thousand) pounds
- ☆ Repaired dip on Hageman while blacktopping as previously requested in a letter from the bus company

Highway Commissioner Peach also reported he has had trouble staying ahead on the cutting of weeds due to weather conditions. Adding the big arm mower had been down for repairs for approximately 2 (two) months.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach stated he had attended the defibrillator and C.P.R. (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) training class and was certified upon completion. Peach also stated he has received a notice from the St. Clair County Highway Department on the results of their bid letting for salt to be used this winter. He stated the bid came in at \$57.19 (fifty seven dollars and nineteen cents) a ton which is down considerably from a couple years ago. Town Clerk Dave Witter asked the Highway Commissioner on who handled the bid letting. Peach responded it was done by the County for the MFT (Motor Fuel Tax) funds.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach stated he had a meeting with the residents along Borchers Lane last night (Tuesday, July 19th, 2011) regarding the widening of the road. Peach stated everyone seemed to be in favor of the improvements although some expressed concern over removing trees. Peach stated the design of the road will spare the destruction of many trees. The design will not have any curbs or gutters, the storm drains will have a grate covering in different locations. The existing road bed will be used, widening over the ditches that will allow the water to drain. Peach explained the current width of the road became a concern following the house fire earlier this spring. A discussion followed.

As previously requested by the Board of Trustees, Pat Judge and Steve Ficker of Gonzales Companies, LLC, updated the Board on the progression of the Rieder Road Project. Pat Judge stated they are currently working with IDOT (Illinois Department of Transportation) on the number of lanes it will require to be built. According to their (IDOT) specifications based on a previous traffic count, it will be constructed with 2 (two) lanes but will have the ability to expand to 4 (four) lanes in the future. Judge stated this approval process is expected to take approximately 90 (ninety) days. A majority of his time has been spent communicating with representatives of CSX (Chessie Seaboard Multiplier) Railroad. It was previously stated that approximately 50% (fifty percent) of the engineering costs of the project would be needed in the current budget to produce the preliminary engineering plans for CSX to review in order to receive their acceptance. The remaining amount of the engineering costs would be budgeted as the project progressed. The attorneys for the Railroad are now requesting 100% of the engineering to be submitted prior to approving the Railroad realignment project. Judge stated he will continue to work out the details with CSX on the realignment without having the added expense of submitting all the engineering, then have to make costly changes to it in order to receive their approval. A discussion followed regarding the realignment of the railroad and other design issues as the project continues. Highway Commissioner Peach stated by concentrating on the railroad issues, he hopes it will help in receiving funds set aside for Railroad Grade Crossings which will be needed in order to proceed with the project.

READING AND APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	194,251.11
Road & Bridge Fund		18,469.89

Trustee Kenneth Joseph questioned Highway Commissioner Peach on the Christ Bros. Asphalt invoice as to which road the asphalt was used on. Peach responded it was used on Hagemann, Rieder, Albers and Pohlman Roads as approved in the budget. Trustee Joseph also inquired

about the bill from Crown Equipment. Peach stated it was for repairs to the John Deere tractor/mower he wanted to replace but the Board wouldn't allow the money for.

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to authorize the payment of the Road District bills as read and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Roll Call: Bevirt - aye; Ahle - aye; Joseph - aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The Highway Commissioner's Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk