

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

September 21, 2011
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:02 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL

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

Others present: Douglas Scott, Gary Fohne and Gerard Helldoerfer.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

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

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Highway Commissioner Peach opened with a correction on a dues line item from the last meeting. Line item numbers had been switched due to a clerical error and have since been corrected. Commissioner Peach then went on as to what the Road District had done during the period of August 18th, 2011 to September 21st, 2011:

- ☆ Picked up chips from oiling and Loose Gravel signs
- ☆ Throughout the Township weeds were mowed and trash was picked up
- ☆ Cut corn back at intersections
- ☆ Cleaned ditches on Hagemann and North Reider
- ☆ Installed 2 (two) culverts on North Reider road field entrance and driveway
- ☆ Placed rip rap on intersection of North Reider and Hagemann roads
- ☆ Built up shoulders to overlap blacktop on Pohlman, North Reider, Albers and Hagemann roads
- ☆ Had inspections done on 2 (two) trucks
- ☆ Cleaned and removed oil from 3 (three) trucks
- ☆ Removed fallen cherry tree and limbs as a result of wind storm from Pohlman road
- ☆ Changed oil and serviced 2(two) mowing tractors
- ☆ Received 75 (seventy-five) ton of salt to stock-pile for winter

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach reported he attended a Stormwater meeting earlier in the day at the Belleville County Courthouse that was given by RJN Group. Peach said he received paperwork to fill out regarding facility specifications for fuel and drainage. The meeting focused on different ideas for use of rainwater such as rainwater garden plants to put around buildings. Peach attended the Elected Officials of Highway Commissioners meeting. Peach said the residents of Borchers Lane reviewed the plans for the lane improvement coming up. The residents decided on a plan that would not remove as many trees and be less intrusive. Peach stated that he had also attended an educational conference.

NEW BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach requested a transfer of unexpended monies (\$5,268) from the line item of Pohlman Road Resurfacing, a project that is completed and, an unexpended balance (\$6,500) from the line item Provision for Contingencies. Peach wants these funds to be transferred to the line item of Yearly Emergency Road Maintenance. Trustee Gary Hursey made a motion to table this item until more information can be obtained. Trustee Glenn Loyet made a motion denying the transfer at this time. Both motions died for lack of a second. Supervisor Gary Ahle said that before a motion is made, some discussion should take place. Discussion then followed as to why the money should be moved. Trustee Loyet said to just leave it where it is. Commissioner Peach stated that the money will have to be moved sooner or later. Loyet said to move it at budget time. More discussion followed and Trustee Loyet said that if the money gets transferred to Emergency Fund, Commissioner Peach can do anything he wants with it. Trustee Hursey again stated that he has had no time to look at accounts or numbers to review, and without any background he will not approve the transfer. Commissioner Peach said that if an emergency did come up, he wouldn't have the money to get supplies, etc. Trustee Hursey said the money was placed at the budget hearing and if an emergency occurs, then he would approve the transfer of funds. Trustee Jeff Bevirt agreed with Hursey as to needing more background information before making a decision. Trustee Hursey stated that Commissioner Peach needs to keep the Trustees in the loop and give them more time to review.

A motion was made by Trustee Glenn Loyet to not approve the transfer of funds and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet-aye; Bevirt-aye; Ahle-aye; Joseph-aye and Hursey-aye. Motion carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	109,135.97
Road & Bridge Fund		19,588.67

Trustee Glenn Loyet questioned Highway Commissioner Peach about the St. Clair County Highway Commissioners Association as to what it is and what they do. Peach responded that the association consists of 19 Highway Commissioners and they meet to discuss ideas and issues that come up. The county engineer is involved with the association too. A brief discussion followed.

Trustee Gary Hursey questioned a payment from the Permanent Road Fund made out to L.W. Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$8,200 with a description of Behrens Road Pipe break on it. Commissioner Peach responded that a repair had to be made to a section of storm drain pipe that rose up out of the ground after a heavy rain storm on a project that was completed last fall, less than a year ago. Trustee Hursey asked if the work carried any kind of warranty. Commissioner Peach said there is no such thing as a warranty on that kind of work. A discussion followed as to who is responsible for this mishap. Trustee Hursey and Trustee Loyet asked about a warranty or, if the contractor was bonded. Commissioner Peach said the incident had nothing to do with the construction and that it was a freak of nature it even happened. Trustee Hursey asked when this incident occurred. Commissioner Peach was not sure exactly when it happened but believed it was sometime in May. More discussion followed about warranties and responsibility. Commissioner Peach said that he spoke with the engineer and they assured him that contractor was not at fault. Trustee Jeff Bevirt stated he understood that the rain storm was an act of nature but thought that some sort of warranty or guarantee at least for the first year should be in place. Attorney Cory Easton said if the contractor worked on the original project and made a good amount of money, he might be persuaded to come down or share some of the expense. Supervisor Ahle suggested that we check with TOIRMA before we do anything. A lengthy discussion and debate followed between Highway Commissioner Peach and the Board. It was finally agreed to bring both Gonzalez Companies and L.W. Contractors to the next meeting for an explanation.

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to authorize the payment of the Road District bills as read, with the exception of the \$8200 pipe repair bill from L.W. Contractors, Inc. until the Board speaks with them at the next Highway Commissioner's meeting and seconded by Trustee Gary Hursey. Roll Call: Loyet-nay; Bevirt-aye; Ahle-aye; Joseph-aye and Hursey-aye. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Kenneth Joseph to adjourn the Highway Commissioner's Meeting and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

The Highway Commissioner's Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk