

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

February 15, 2012
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00 P.M.

ROLL CALL

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

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

Others present: Douglas Scott, Gary Fohne, Steve Ficker and Roger Kolweier.

APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to approve the minutes of the previous Highway Commissioner's Meeting 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 January 19th, 2012 to February 15th, 2012:

- ☆ Plowed and salted roads on January 20th, February 11th, 13th and 14th
- ☆ Received 100 ton of salt
- ☆ Picked up trash, cleaned culverts and ditches where needed
- ☆ Placed roto-millings by mailboxes and along road edges on Borcher's Lane and wherever needed
- ☆ Had generator checked and serviced
- ☆ Placed rip rap in washouts on shoulders
- ☆ Replaced missing road sign on Witte Road
- ☆ Added two new road signs and six chevrons on Simmons Road
- ☆ Garage work – cleaned all snow equipment

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach informed the Board that the new truck should be ready to pick up Thursday or Friday. Town Clerk David Witter asked what kind of truck it was. Peach said it is a 2012 International 3 ton.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Peach stated that the work on Borchers Lane is going pretty well. He said that a resident from Witte Farms thanked the Road District for keeping the roads cleared when it snowed. Peach said that he received a check from Greenmount Crossing T.I.F. District in the amount of \$14,353.10. Divided between the Road District and Township, the Road District ended up with \$11,698.12.

Peach spoke about his intent to add the 2000 International Single Axle Dump Truck along with a 1979 Ferguson Roller to the Surplus List and eventually sell. Trustee Gary Hursey asked Peach how many miles or hours were on the truck. Peach said there was approximately 30,000 miles, which according to The Perspective, the mileage on Township vehicles is usually low. It's more a matter of the wear and tear versus the mileage. Hursey then asked if there was an hourly log kept on the vehicles with reference that diesel motors can have a 200,000 – 300,000 life. Peach agreed with Hursey on that point, but it still comes back to wear and tear and maintenance repairs adding up. Hursey asked Peach what he hoped to get for the truck. Peach estimated around \$18,000. Hursey asked what the cost of that truck new cost. Peach said approximately \$56,000. Town Clerk David Witter asked Peach if he was going to put the truck out for bid in the newspaper. Peach said after they are in possession of the new truck, he will get together with Witter about selling the old truck. Trustee Kenny Joseph asked Peach if he is going to replace the Ferguson Roller. Peach responded that it has already been replaced. Peach explained that after numerous repairs on the old one, it still was not working properly.

Peach's next topic was a Resolution of Support of Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2012 in order to get more funding for the Behrens Street Project. Peach then called on Steve Ficker from Gonzalez Companies to address the Board. Ficker began by saying if they get this grant it would be the final phase on the Behrens Street Project. Last year a request for \$100,000 grant was submitted and they were awarded \$60,000. Ficker is hoping by requesting another \$100,000, they will be able to put in a much needed retention pond for water run-off. Supervisor Gary Ahle asked what will happen if they do not get this grant money. Ficker said they can continue to hold off and request again or, figure it into the budget which would be approximately 40,000 - \$60,000. Ficker explained that doing it in phases winds up costing more money and ideally, if he can get \$60,000 from this new grant and combine it with the \$60,000 leftover grant money from last year, they will be able to complete it. Ahle asked if the retention pond had anything to do with the plans for a new skate park in the same vicinity. Ficker said that some of the dirt removed for the pond would go to the City for the skate park and also to the Borchers Lane Project, which Ficker said will save the Township money. Ahle then asked if this project had anything to do with the extension of the sewer line down State Street. Ficker responded this project has nothing to do with that. A brief discussion followed about the Township tapping into the sewer line if and when it comes down State Street. After getting back to the retention pond, Ahle asked Ficker if the skate park would be held up until the retention pond was completed to which Ficker confirmed. Trustee Kenny Joseph wanted to clear up exactly how much money is being asked for and how much is actually needed. Ficker explained that he will always ask for more than needed because they usually never award a full grant request. Joseph then asked what is done if there is money left over. Ficker said if there is any leftover money, they turn it over back to the grants department. More discussion followed. Ahle asked when this grant would be awarded. Ficker said awards is sometime in September and funding is awarded in November with 18 months to spend the money. Ficker stated he

needs to start something this spring to use the \$60,000 balance from last year's grant money. Ahle then just wanted it clarified that the retention pond did not directly affect the skate park construction except for the fact of using up some of the dirt from the pond. Ficker said the park would not be affected with or without the pond. More likely, it would be Seven Hills Road or the Public Safety Parking lot that would be most affected with standing water. Trustee Jeff Bevirt asked which project takes priority with regards to the dirt. Ficker said there is plenty of dirt for both Borchers Lane and the skate park, but Borchers is first priority. A brief discussion followed about how the pond project will be done in phases while waiting on the recent grant request. Ficker explained that first; they will widen the creek that runs north of Ms. Borchers property. It will basically be widened and deepened. It will be a small temporary pond until it can be finished and the dam put up. A brief discussion followed. Supervisor Ahle asked for public input. Doug Scott asked who the property belonged to where the pond will be. Ficker said it belongs to the City and they are allowing the Township to build the pond on their property. Scott questioned the recent withdrawal by the City to annex Behrens Street and after all the work is done, it will eventually be annexed into the city. Ficker explained that this money is still part of the Behrens Street project and still needs to be used for that project, and the Township is still liable for the completion of the project. Trustee Kenny Joseph expressed his disapproval of detention ponds and thinks they are a waste of money. More discussion followed.

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to authorize the Resolution of Support of Community Development Block Grant Program Year 2012 and seconded by Trustee Gary Ahle. Roll Call: J. Bevirt - aye; Ahle - aye; K. Joseph - aye; G. Hursey - aye. Motion carried.

READING AND APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	218,498.96
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	20,129.73

Highway Commissioner Peach dispensed with the reading of the Road District Bills.

Trustee Kenny Joseph questioned what 2 checks made payable to Gonzalez Companies totaling \$82,811 were for. Deputy Clerk/Recorder Debbie Allsup explained that she combined 5 invoices into 1 check for the Rieder Road project totaling \$62,400, and 1 check for the Borchers Lane project totaling \$20,411. Supervisor Ahle asked Ficker how much more cost for engineering on Rieder Road did he see. Ficker said total cost expected is \$960,000 which includes design of the railroad, design of the roadway, coordination with ICC who oversees the railroad and CSX railroad. A discussion followed. Doug Scott wanted to comment that the County told him that they are not doing anything on Rieder Road and just wants to get the story straight since there is going to be a million dollars coming out of the taxpayers pockets. More discussion followed.

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Trustee Kenneth Joseph wanted to bring an issue to Commissioner Peach's attention that was brought to his attention by a resident who lives out on County Line Road. Joseph was informed of water standing on the road in that area and went out himself to check it out. Joseph asked Peach if anything can be done about it. Peach responded that he had been contacted by the resident and told the Board that he had been unable to correct the problem as of yet but it is on the agenda to be fixed.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Trustee Gary Hursey to adjourn the Highway Commissioner's meeting and seconded by Trustee Jeff Bevirt. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 P.M.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk