

HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S MEETING

January 18, 2012
O'Fallon Township
801 E. State St.
O'Fallon, IL 62269

CALL TO ORDER at 7:00p.m.

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 and General Assistance Administrator/Recorder Sheri Heil.

Others present: Douglas Scott, Pat Judge, Steve Ficker, 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 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 December 21st, 2011 to January 18th, 2012:

- ☆ Salted all bridges and bridge decks on December 23rd and January 11th
- ☆ Plowed snow and salted roads on December 27th, January 12th and 13th
- ☆ Cut brush at bridges and along timbers where needed
- ☆ Placed roto-millings by mailboxes and along road edges
- ☆ Cleaned all snow equipment
- ☆ Picked up trash
- ☆ Garage work - replaced broken door window on backhoe

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Highway Commissioner Peach said that on Thursday, January 12th he attended a meeting with the RJN Group. Even though it is not mandated yet, RJN wants the Township to go through them when applying for spray permits on mosquito and weed control. Peach stated that the Township does very little spraying and are already licensed with the Department of Agriculture and Health Department for mosquito abatement.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Peach informed the Board he received a call from the Sheriffs Department on Friday, January 13th that a farmer had tracked an amount of mud and manure from the field onto Old Lebanon Troy Road. Trustee Kenneth Joseph asked Peach if the farmer was required to clean it up. Peach said he had the mess cleaned up.

READING AND APPROVAL OF HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER'S BILLS

Permanent Road Fund	\$	612.84
Road & Bridge Fund	\$	16,309.41

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

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

PUBLIC INPUT

Pat Judge and Steve Ficker from Gonzales Companies were present to update the Board on the Rieder Road and Borchers Lane projects.

Trustee Gary Hursey began by thanking Gonzales Companies for their presentation given at the last meeting and, for their offer of taking over the management of the Township's CY2012 MS-4 storm water documentation. Pat Judge responded that he has already had his engineer come out and walk the site to update the district's storm water pollution prevention plan. Judge said that he also attended the last storm water meeting with Commissioner Peach.

Trustee Hursey asked Pat Judge if the plan for the O'Fallon Parks and Recreation Skate Park which Gonzales Companies is doing the engineering for will be done this year or next year. Pat Judge responded that construction is scheduled for this summer. Supervisor Gary Ahle asked Judge if Parks and Recreation will have the money for this project. Judge said he believes they are still trying to collect funds. A brief discussion followed.

Judge spoke about receiving a response from the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) regarding the application request for funds from the Grade Crossing Protection Fund (GCPF) on the Rieder Road project. The application will be considered for the Commission's FY 2013-2017 Crossing Improvement Program 5-Year Plan. Judge said that in past experiences, he has never seen an application getting approved the first time. If this happens, Judge said there are no additional charges by Gonzales Companies to resubmit the application in 12 (twelve) months. A brief discussion followed about the amount of money the Township would have to pay for the whole project which is approximately \$3,000,000 (three million). By going through this application process, it gives the Township time to get the amount of money they have to come up with for the project. Judge also stated he has already been in contact with CSX Railroad about the project.

Steve Ficker said the Borchers Lane project started on Monday, January 9th with the removal of trees. So far, no major hurdles according to Ficker. Temporary mailboxes were installed for the residents. A discussion followed with regards to where the project begins and ends.

Ficker informed the Board that there were some delays because of property searches at the Court House. When the surveyors did the property survey, they researched the Old Railcar Right of Way and there was 100 (one hundred) feet from the centerline of the road all the way down. Ficker said that at some point, on the north side, the right of way was sold so residents

own property all the way up to the road. Ficker said they had to go back and just move the road to the south without any major problems. Besides that, Ficker stated that everything else seems to be on track and moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

David M. Witter
Town Clerk