

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
FEBRUARY 16, 2009**

Village President Joe Cook called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. with Trustees Davidson, Nash, McMillin, Slocum, Militello, and Greco present.

Also present were Village Administrator Jamie Bowden, Village Attorney David Silverman, Finance Director Robert Guess, Police Chief Joe Pena, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development Mike McMahan, and Village Clerk Missey Schumacher.

CITIZENS' REQUEST

Residents of Indian Trail subdivision made a presentation regarding flooding in the neighborhood. Craig Billie and Gerry Sabo (residents of Indian Trails) stated that the neighborhood is experiencing excessive flooding. There are basements that are getting water. They believe it has a lot to do with a downed footbridge causing an obstruction.

Trustee Davidson asked if the bridge is privately owned on private property.

Mr. Billie stated that he believes it belongs to the lot owner. It is creating pools of water. In September the neighbor next to park received 32-36 inches of water in his basement. The area is eroding as water finds a path around the bridge. Trees are falling over and further obstructing water. They have questions regarding the elevation of homes. Why are the houses directly behind set at 7-9 ft higher than those that are flooding? Other houses backed up to river are built much higher. They also asked if we can find out if the dam in the State Park is causing some of this backup.

Mr. Sabo added that the dam seems to be holding water up and allowing water to back up near Indian Trails. This has happened 3 times in the past year and is a recent development. He believes the dam and the river are causing a problem.

Trustee Davidson asked what they are asking the Village for.

Mr. Billie stated that they would like the Village to help in clearing the waterway.

Trustee Davidson asked if the affected houses are in a flood plain.

Dolezal stated that they are not in a flood plain, but directly adjacent to a flood plain. Most of the lots are partially in flood plain or flood way. The Village may have some enforcement powers over a bridge.

Trustee Davidson asked if anyone has approached the homeowner. You ought to talk to the homeowner.

President Cook stated that there is also other flooding this year (to south). We've had some extraordinary rainfall events. I've called Burke Engineering, the foremost stormwater experts in the area and asked for proposal (at next mtg.) to look at issue involved.

Bowden stated that if there is an ordinance violation with IDNR, we can reach out to homeowner.

President Cook suggested contacting the Corp. of Engineers if something was constructed in the waterway. We want to address issues before spring rain.

Mr. Billie stated that there is no surface water. It is the elevated water table seeping into basements.

President Cook stated that this is a common problem in this area.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

An Ordinance Approving the 150 Contract for the Administration Staff – 1st Read

The Village has finished negotiations for the Local 150 Public Employee Division-Administration. Wage schedule and benefits have been agreed upon as discussed with the Village Board. Bowden asked the Board to consider approval of the ordinance authorizing the execution of the Labor Contract for the Administration Staff.

An Ordinance Approving an Additional Five Cents on Diesel – 1st Read

Bowden stated that the Village currently taxes diesel fuel at 1 cent per gallon. The proposal is to increase the diesel tax by 5 cents, bringing the total to 6 cents. This tax will affect Pilot, Speedway, and a small truck terminal to the east. He also suggested that the collected money would go to infrastructure improvement. The estimated annual income from this tax increase would be \$288,000. Bowden recommended a policy to create a reserve to fund infrastructure improvement.

Resolution in Support of a Brisbin Road Interchange with Interstate 80

Bowden stated that Grundy County will be holding a public hearing on February 26, 2009. The Village has been in support of this interchange from day one. Bowden asked that the Board approve the adoption of a resolution in support of interchange.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Whispering Oaks

McMahon stated that developer RJL Investments requests that the south half of the subdivision be vacated to allow them to reduce the Improvement Guarantee in the form of a Letter of Credit and lessen the future Maintenance Guarantees owed.

The Plat of Vacation will vacate everything in the Whispering Oaks subdivision south of Old Kerry Grove, except for specific utility, stormwater, and right-of-way easements. Seventy lots will be vacated leaving 107 platted single family lots in the remaining Whispering Oaks.

The agreed terms are:

1. Village agrees to vacate the Final Plat for the Subject Property per the Vacation of Plat and Grant of Easements.
2. The owner will simultaneously provide the Village with a Grant of Easement for Utilities on the Subject Property.
3. The original engineering and plat for the vacated section will remain static for a 5 year period. The plat must be exact to the current plat specifications.
4. RJL agrees to correct any stormwater issues that arise on the vacated portion.
5. No further Letter of Credit will be required by the Village for the Subject Property until a Final Plat is again approved for the Subject Property.
6. The current Letter of Credit for Whispering Oaks shall be reduced to an amount equal to \$1,027,907.00.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

No Formal Items for Discussion.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Pena stated that the Special Olympics Torch Run has supplied hats, shirts, pins, & mugs.

RedSpeed contract and memo have been provided to everyone for consideration.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Woods of Aux Sable Units 1 & 2: Awarding of Sanitary Sewer Televising Contract to Jomar Telegrouting, Inc. and the Waiving of certain Bidding Requirements

Dolezal stated that the Village has stepped in and completed improvements. In preparing to determine what needs to be done Public Works wants to televise the sewer. We want to get proposals from three companies as opposed to soliciting bids. Of these proposals, Jomar Telegrouting was selected at a cost of \$6,330.40. Jomar was both the lowest bidder and has provided satisfactory services for the Village of Channahon in the past.

Soil Borings for the 2009 Blackberry Lane Reconstruction Project

Dolezal stated that this work consists of mobilization, 12 soil borings up to 10 feet in depth, three IBR laboratory tests and the report of the findings for this work. This work is necessary to do the pavement design and undercut quantity for the Blackberry Lane project. The costs are in line with the standard industry costs for this type of work and are budgeted in 26-80-570.000.

Submitted by
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Village Clerk