

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
JULY 6, 2009**

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

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT
Capital Improvement Plan

Bowden stated that Trustee packets included a first draft of the 5 Year Capital Improvement Plan. It will include a 5 year replacement schedule for various items. The plan will be brought back right before approval of budget to approve the inclusion of the first year of the plan going into the budget. Bowden asked for comment and discussion on projects trustees would like to see included in the first year and subsequent years of the plan. He would like to focus primarily on the first year of the plan that will be going into the budget first.

A Resolution to Enter into a Contract with Call One for Phone Service

Bowden stated that the VOC current phone service contract runs out Aug. 1, 2009. Staff solicited three bids. Call One was the lowest bidder. Approving a contract with Call One would result in significant savings for VOC.

Trustee Slocum asked to information on the history of Call One.

Bill Mayer (Senior Account Exec. With Call One) stated that they are the number one largest seller of ATT service in Illinois. The benefit of being in the Suburban Purchasing Coop is a discount from ATT regular pricing. For service, VOC would call Call One directly. Call One would then contact ATT and resolve the issue. He stated that Call One could offer better service at a better price.

In other business, Bowden stated that Chris Balkema (Board Member, Minooka High School Dist. 111) has approached him about conducting a taxpayer's forum. Balkema is asking VOC to co-sponsor the event along with Village of Minooka. Guess and Bowden would represent VOC at the forum. Balkema is not asking for a donation, only support and participation.

Trustee Slocum asked who would moderate the forum and whether it was being offered through Minooka High School Board or by Balkema personally.

Bowden stated that Will Co. Assessor Rhonda Novak and Grundy Co. Assessor Dave Henderson will participate. The request for participation is through Balkema.

Chris Balkema stated that the goal is to have a forum for the community to better understand the basics of property taxes. It will be held Thur., Aug 6th. The County Clerks and Treasurers have agreed to be there as well. Each taxing body will be asked to present their case regarding taxes in 5-7 min/ea. Careen Gordon and Gary Dahl will be there. The goal is to see the 2010 tax bill drop. Will & Grundy

Cos. will give an estimated EAV forecast. Balkema has an agreement to use the High School Auditorium and is asking Channahon and Minooka to co-sponsor the event
Can we have Chan & Min co-sponsor the event because it cannot be sponsored by a private citizen for insurance purposes.

Bowden received a general consensus agreement to move forward, but explained that VOC could not take a formal vote until the issue is on the agenda.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

Introduction of the Channahon/Minooka Fire Protection Districts Fire Prevention Officer

McMahon stated that a year ago VOC approved an agreement with Channahon and Minooka Fire Districts for inspection of buildings. The Districts agreed to provide inspections of commercial buildings at their expense. Joseph Casella has been appointed as the new fire prevention officer. He will also be teaching fire staff about fire codes and assist the fire education officer. He will have an office at Channahon Station 1 and also at Minooka station.

Channahon Fire Chief Dave Riddle thanked VOC for their cooperation and support. He stated that the goal is primarily education relative to codes and life safety, etc.

Casella thanked VOC and is looking forward to the opportunity to set up this program.

President Cook stated that VOC appreciates that Channahon and Minooka are working together on this; and welcomed Casella to the community.

McMahon added that VOC plans to send postcards to all businesses who own their building, letting them know that Casella will be contacting them. VOC will direct Casella on who they want inspected. The plan is to start on the east side of town and move westward. The postcard will go out this week. McMahon stated that the inspections will be limited to commercial structures.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Founders Bank

Guess stated that as of last Thursday, "The Private Bank" purchased the assets and liabilities of Founders Bank. He stated that Mike Rittof of Founder Bank and John Heiberger of The Private Bank were in attendance to answer any questions.

Rittof stated that Founders Bank had been taken over by regulators. It reopened Monday, July 6, 2009.

Heiberger stated that all employees have retained their jobs. He is looking forward to working with them. Heiberger stated that The Private Bank is a 20 yr. old bank based in Chicago. They are currently an \$11 billion bank. They have raised \$1 billion in equity capital last year for growth. He stated that The Private Bank finds 2 attractive things about this purchase: #1 they are looking to develop a retail presence vs. a commercial banking presence. Many of their employees are former LaSalle Bank people. #2 This gives them an opportunity to expand in the Southwest suburbs. They don't have overlap of facilities in this area so people will not be losing their jobs.

President Cook explained that residents are wondering what has changed.

Rittof stated that the take over has been really transparent. Deposited money is safe. It is FDIC insured. Private Bank has acquired all deposits. There is no loss. Customers can continue to use checks, ATM, etc. Somewhere down the line, those may be switched out for Private Bank products. Rittof added that real estate owned by Founders Bank east of Ridge Rd. has also been acquired by The Private Bank.

Heiberger added that The Private Bank has acquired all 10 Founders Bank branches.

President Cook asked about the Letters of Credit that VOC holds with Founders Bank, and whether VOC is secure.

Rittof stated that The Private Bank will need to reissue those. They need to meet with customers and do the paperwork.

Heiberger added that the FDIC regulates that. He is unsure of the security of those documents, but will quickly find out from FDIC.

Trustee Slocum asked how many communities The Private Bank is in and whether they work with municipalities.

Heiberger stated that currently they have facilities in 7 communities, plus the 10 Founders Bank facilities. He assured VOC that The Private Bank works with municipalities.

In other business, Guess stated that the auditors started today with VOC.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

An Ordinance Amending the Village of Channahon Code of Ordinances Regarding Summary Suspension Hearings – 1st Read

Pena stated that as previously discussed with the Board he is requesting a change to the methodology with which VOC handles summary suspension hearings. He recommends having our municipal attorney handle them. He stated that it should result in savings by a reduction of court time and trial time. Pena recommends a 1 yr. trial period. He stated that if the Board agrees he would ask to waive second read.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Public Hearing for IEPA Loan for Water Tower at Bluff Rd.

Dolezal stated that the hearing has been advertised as required for the public. The hearing for the IEPA loan for a new Water Tower on Bluff Rd. will be opened at the regular Board meeting.

Award 2009 Blackberry Lane Reconstruction Project

Dolezal stated that due to the poor condition of the road, along with the increase in public traffic to the newly installed Will County Forest Preserve Education Center, the road was selected for reconstruction this year. This project is being funded from item 26-80-538.003 and is currently within 4% of budget. This project consists of pulverizing existing asphalt, installing proper drainage ditches and structures and placing 3.5" of binder and 1.5" of surface course asphalt. The project bid opening was held on June 26, 2009. P.T. Ferro was the low bidder at \$372,623.86.

Award 2009 Various Crack Fill Project

Dolezal stated that as part of our annual roadway maintenance program we have found the crack filling process to be beneficial in extending the life of our asphalt pavement. This year, \$70,000 was budgeted under line item 26-80-538.003 to crack fill various roads in various subdivisions. The project bid opening was held on 06/30/09. North Suburban Asphalt Maintenance was the low bidder at \$52,447.63.

2009 Hansel Road Reconstruction Change Order #1

Dolezal stated that this project is 95% complete. The contractor, Orange Crush still needs to establish vegetation. He also stated that due to changes in various quantities over the course of this project, the contract amount will decrease by \$3,360.00. He recommends approval of a new contract valued at \$313,957.00.

Award 2009 Various Spray Patching Project to Midwest Asphalt Repair

Dolezal stated that last year VOC undertook a method of pavement patching known as spray patching. The results have held up well and PW wants to continue this project. Currently PW has only found one contractor who is qualified. Dolezal added that PW wanted to do a set-aside for another contractor or two to do small project areas as a test. However, no other contractor has been found that meets VOC requirements. He recommends hiring Midwest Asphalt Repair at a cost of \$55,325.00.

Dolezal stated that staff is looking at other companies, but they haven't been responsive.

Trustee Militello asked if there is a spot we can save for testing of other companies.

Dolezal stated that VOC has \$15,000 set aside to hire other people.

Trustee Papesh asked why there is such a discrepancy in pricing.

Dolezal stated that some is due to price of asphalt, some with distance, and some to do with a flagger being included.

Proposal for Material Testing Service for 2009 Blackberry Lane Reconstruction

Testing is done with nuclear gauges for roadway base course, binder course and surface course. This will let us know if the density or compaction of the stone base or asphalt binder and surface meets the standard for that material. The estimated time for installation on this project is four days for base course and three days of asphalt paving. Dolezal recommended hiring Midwest Testing Services in the amount of \$5,340 to do this work.

Approval of Contract with Gallagher Asphalt Corp. for Completion of Public Improvements for Woods of Aux Sable Subdivision Units 1 & 2

Dolezal explained that the Woods of Aux Sable is a failed subdivision on which VOC drew the letter of credit. We are attempting to complete major infrastructure work, mostly repairing surface asphalt, curb replacement, overland flow route, and retention pond work. After this work is complete, some money should be left to complete sidewalks. Dolezal recommended awarding the contract to Gallagher Asphalt in the amount of \$594,355.62. The lots will not necessarily be graded and the subdivision will not look finished, but services will be there.

Indian Trails Drainage Study

Dolezal stated that the Board hired Christopher Burke Engineers to do a study of the flooding in Indian Trails. The study has been completed. The residents have had a chance to look at the study. It is also posted on VOC website.

Don Dressel of Christopher Burke stated that the objectives of the study were to determine the extent of the flooding, identify the cause, and develop suggestions for mitigation. He explained that Burke sent questionnaires to the area residents and received good information from them. On May 19th, Burke met with residents to gather any additional info the residents wanted to give. Burke wanted to know basement elevations, top of foundation, etc. and how they correlated to flooding. They took a representative sample of residents.

Dressel stated that most of area has 40-50 ft. sand and gravel under the topsoil. The water table was much lower in 1970s and 1980s. The water table has risen in the last several years. The dam in Channahon State Park is located less than 1 mile from flood area. It was constructed to create a level pool to allow traffic on I&M Canal to cross the DuPage River. It has been shown to affect an area up to 4 miles upstream. In 1996 the dam was breached and later rebuilt by the State. It was built as it was before without changes.

Dressel stated that Burke gathered info for specific storm events. They looked at every storm event from the early 1990s to the present. The more significant the event, the more flooding. In Feb. 1997, there was the 4th highest event. However, no resident had reported flooding. At that time, the dam hadn't been rebuilt yet. Burke found that there is clear evidence that the dam is contributing to the flooding.

With the water table having risen over the years, the static water level is higher. We have had a wet period over the last two years. A lot of water is coming down the river. Burke talked to Illinois Dept of Natural Resources. They are in the process of altering the dam, adding another section spillway. They predict a 1 foot drop in river elevation. Burke sees this as an opportunity for VOC to work with IDNR to lower dam and get more relief. He suggested VOC work with IDNR to modify their plan.

Dressel also stated that Burke has ideas for residents to reduce their risk. They are included in the report.

President Cook stated that he would anticipate a meeting between VOC and IDNR within the next week or two.

Trustee Greco asked when the state is going to start their dam project.

Dressel stated that it is now in the design phase and an opportune time to meet with them.

Trustee McMillin asked if IDNR is willing to talk.

Dressel stated that they are, but that they have not seen the Burke report. The IDNR project is being handled in the Bartlett office of IDNR.

Dolezal stated that VOC has a contact with IDNR.

Trustee Militello asked if it would cost extra money for Burke to meet with IDNR to find out what their involvement might be. She stated that VOC representatives could best represent VOC and would have more power than a consultant.

Trustee Papesh stated that the Burke firm has a good report with IDNR.

Dressel stated that Burke representatives would meet with IDNR without additional cost to VOC to find out what the scope of their involvement would be.

Trustee Nash commented that the State has only approved the reconstruction project, but has not approved the funding for the reconstruction.

President Cook suggested that VOC forward the Burke study to the appropriate agencies and then meet with residents.

Dolezal stated that VOC can meet with IDNR. If we want them to lower the spillway they will likely provide their hydraulic model and ask us to run it.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Collective Bargaining

Trustee Slocum made a motion to go into Executive Session for Collective Bargaining at 6:53 p.m.
Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL: ALL AYES

MOTION CARRIED

Submitted by
Janet Schumacher
Village Clerk