

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING
DECEMBER 1, 2014**

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

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin, Village Attorney Dave Silverman, Police Chief Jeff Wold, Director of Public Works Ed Dolezal, Director of Community Development & Information Systems Mike Petrick, Finance Director Heather Morandi and Village Clerk Patricia Perinar.

ADMINISTRATION DEPARTMENT

John Greuling with the Will County Center for Economic Development

The Village of Channahon contributed \$5,000 to Will County Center for Economic Development in the past five years. We have budgeted the amount of \$5,000. Mr. Greuling provided the Board members with a hand out of this year's highlights of the WCCED. He spoke of the many activities the group is involved in.

Other items discussed were:

- Trustee Scaggs questioned about the possible widening of I-80 to three lanes from New Lenox to Minooka in the near future.
- A bridge to connect Houbolt Road to the intermodule.

Village President Cook asked who from the organization is working on the Village's behalf.

The organization is looking for a five year pledge to the organization.

Insurance Renewal Letter and Premium Summary/History with Mesirow Financial

After the last Village Board meeting, Durkin presented to the Village Board members a full insurance proposal for the 2015 calendar year for Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation insurance from Mesirow Financial, our broker for this issue since 2010.

Proposed for 2015 is an increase in the Village's property and casualty premium of 9% from \$67,088 to \$72,931. The increase, according to Mesirow, is the result of two liability claims from the 10/11 policy year that totaled \$74,326 and a property claim this year that totaled \$41,692. Also of note is the deductible increase for property coverage from \$2,500 to \$5,000 and for equipment breakdown from \$1,000 to \$2,500.

Overall, the Village's premium for Property, Casualty and Workers Compensation insurance is increasing 1.86% from \$369,888 to \$376,778, or \$6,890.

Mike Alesia was present to provide the Board with a general summary of the insurance coverage and answer questions.

Channahon Business Improvement Program

At the Village Board meeting held on November 3, 2014, the Village Board passed a resolution authorizing the execution of an agreement between the Village of Channahon and the owners of the Lone Star Restaurant. The agreement allows for the issuance of a low interest loan from the Village to Lone Star to assist in the connection of the restaurant to the Village's public sanitary sewer system.

The discussion during this issue indicated the direction by the Village Board to potentially establish a low interest loan program which could provide assistance to Channahon businesses to make improvements to their facilities which would assist in fostering a positive business environment.

Durkin provided the Board with a first draft of the Channahon Business Improvement Plan. He would like all the Board members to review, dissect, and modify the draft and provide feedback to him within the next couple of weeks.

Trustee Slocum stated he thought it would be beneficial for the CEDC to look over.

Trustee McMillin questioned the monetary limits for the year and the fund it would come from. Staff stated it would set during the budget process and would vary from year to year.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & INFORMATION SYSTEMS

Bridge Street Bike Path Update

Petrick stated the Village is following through with the recommendation to start Phase I engineering on the bike path.

Trustee Militello mentioned that the bike path would include land the Village does not own and wanted more information on that. Petrick stated that the Phase I engineering will help to identify that.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT

Renewal of PACE Paratransit Local Share Agreement

Morandi stated the Village of Channahon has contracted with PACE for Paratransit services for many years. PACE provides door to door service for our residents from Channahon to Joliet for various purposes via the dial-a-ride program.

The proposed contract is effective January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015. Channahon's proposed share of the 2014 contract is \$994 (see the Cost Estimate Worksheet included in contract attached). The Village of Channahon and the township split the cost of the services on a 50/50 basis. Therefore the annual cost for the Village would be \$497. Four months of the Village's renewed contract costs will be expensed in the current fiscal year (~\$167) and the remaining eight months of the Village's renewed contract costs will be expensed in the upcoming fiscal year 2016 (~\$331).

VP Cook stated that PACE is not the most user friendly system but it's the only service available at this time.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Intergovernmental Agreement with Will County ETSB

Chief Wold stated this is the Will County Emergency Telephone System Board (ETSB) Surcharge Reallocation Program. In order to qualify, the Village of Channahon is asked to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement which details the use of the funds. The funds are to be used for specific emergency dispatching needs, and in the past the funds have been forwarded to Wescom. I request the Village Board to authorize the Mayor to sign the agreement and to approve forwarding the funds to Wescom to be used as authorized by the grant.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

2014 Road Maintenance Project Change Order No. 2

Dolezal stated this change order represents final asbuilt quantities for certain contract items. These changes generate a net increase of \$63.00 to the original contract costs for these items.

All work for this project has been completed. The final contract amount for this project is \$440,060.11 for a net savings of \$2,321.85 below the awarded contract value of \$442,381.86.

Purchase Cutting Edges for Snow Plows

Dolezal stated Public Works must replenish its stock of cutting edges for our large snow plows. Over the years we have used several different carbon style edges. Those edges typical lasted one snow season or less. We began using a new style edge, Razor brand, made by Winter Equipment two years ago. The edges are about the same price as others we have used but appear to last about 1.5 times longer. Additionally, they are lighter so there should be less stress on the plow frame. These edges are only manufactured and produced by Winter Equipment. Because we are purchasing 5 units we will be getting a 40% discount. This is budgeted under line item 1-53-536

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation

Trustee Schumacher made a motion to enter into executive session at 6:30 p.m. for Probable or Imminent Litigation and Pending Litigation. Seconded by Trustee Slocum.

ROLL CALL AYES: Schumacher, McMillin, Militello, Greco, Scaggs, Slocum.

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

The Committee of the Whole was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

**Submitted by
Patricia Perinar
Village Clerk**