

**CHANNAHON VILLAGE BOARD
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 25, 2020**

Village President Missey Moorman Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated pursuant to Public Act 1010640 that during the duration the order of the Governor's emergency declaration and all extensions there of related to the COVID-19 pandemic; that because of to public health concerns; it is neither practical or prudent to require all members of the Board of Trustees and the members of various village committees and commission to attend meetings in-person. She stated that all members may attend meetings electronically as permitted by the Public Act. She also stated that any this determination shall remain in full force in effect until the expiration of the Governor's emergency declaration in Will County.

Roll call was taken with Trustees Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum present.

Also present were Village Administrator Thomas Durkin and via telephone Village Attorney David Silverman and Village Clerk Kristin Hall.

VP Moorman Schumacher informed everyone present that the meeting was being recorded and anyone speaking at the meeting deems his/her consent to the recording of their likeness and speech.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion – Resolution Committing Local Funds - Bridge Street Multi-Use Path Phase 3 West

Durkin stated the State of Illinois has allocated \$25,000,000 in Rebuild Illinois funds to the competitive Public Infrastructure (RIPI) component of the Rebuild Illinois program. He stated for this component, a grant ceiling of \$5,000,000 per project has been established and grants for less than \$250,000 will not be awarded. He also stated the objective of the Rebuild Illinois Public Infrastructure (RIPI) component of the Rebuild Illinois plan is to provide grants funding public infrastructure improvements that can provide an improved foundation for economic growth in Illinois communities. He further stated as you recall, the Village previously received grant funding through the Illinois Transportation Enhancement Program (ITEP) for the design and construction of the Bridge Street Multi-Use Path. He stated the ITEP program requires a 20% local match (50% for property acquisition) and the success we have had in securing grants through this program has resulted in the Village receiving \$1,468,990 in federal dollars toward the construction of this important local and regional trail link. He also stated this application will request 80% of the anticipated cost to fund the final phase of the Bridge Street Multi-Use Path, totaling \$1,598,720. He further stated the total cost of the final phase is anticipated to be \$1,998,400. He stated that 20% of the total amount equals \$399,680. He also stated this local percentage match has been consistent with that of the ITEP program. He further stated if we are unsuccessful with this grant request, we will apply for ITEP funds during the next scheduled funding cycle coming up in October 2020. He stated that applications are due next Tuesday, June 30th at 5:00 p.m. We didn't have this at the previous meeting because we didn't know that we

would be applying for this grant. He also stated that the scoring that is associated with this grant agreement includes a lot of things that we don't have in this community. He further stated that the state appears to be looking towards disadvantaged communities that have realized little or no prior investment. He stated we will try and it's not a lost cause if we don't get this, because there is another funding opportunity for this in the fall through the ITEP program. We've essentially completed the application for that one.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated the worst thing they could say is no. This is a lot of the legwork for the ITEP application too.

Trustee McMillin questioned if the Village can still bond for the improvement.

Durkin stated that could be an option if we chose to do that.

Trustee McMillin stated what fiscal year would bonding be an option.

Durkin stated he could look and see where this could be included in future budget years and see what the Board wants to do. He stated that is certainly not impossible in the next few years as we have some bonds that will be maturing.

Trustee McMillin stated is it possible that we start this project and if this doesn't come through to bond it to make it a completed project.

Durkin stated that would be a decision the Board would have to make in upcoming budget years.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated if the grants don't come through, she doesn't have any problem bonding for this. She stated this project and process is a continuum. Right now we have bookends of the project and there is no middle. She also stated we need to finish this project and certainly grants would be the preferred method. If those fall through and we don't get any more money, we need to seriously consider in the next fiscal year to do what we need to do to finish this project. She further stated it is yet to be seen how much the COVID pandemic has affected our overall budget, but right now it's not looking too terribly bad.

Trustee Slocum questioned if \$3.5 million is the cost of the whole project.

Durkin stated it was initially about \$3.4 million for the project, but we broke it up into phases. He stated for the ITEP you had to be under a certain amount of money to request assistance so we broke the project into phases to get under that cap.

Trustee Slocum asked if we've spent all of the money we received from the grants.

Durkin stated we've received two grants from ITEP, totaling \$1.4 million. He stated in addition, \$300,000-\$400,000 is going to be our share. He also stated that these are reimbursement grants; so we have to spend it all, then get reimbursed. He further stated that he doesn't know how much we've been reimbursed at this point. He stated that we are also waiting on approval of an engineering agreement from the state for the design of the first portion of the bridge, west of Blackberry to Parkside and a small portion near McKinley Woods Road.

Trustee Slocum questioned whether the trail will be linked to the bridge that was recently completed.

Trustee McMillin stated yes the path runs from Hunter's Crossing to the I&M Canal. Bridge Street will be used as a shared car/bike path until a separated path can be constructed.

Durkin stated that would be for walking or bicycling. He stated until that separated path is built, this is the solution.

VP Moorman Schumacher stated which is why we need to finish the build.

Durkin stated the grant application is complete and this resolution is the last piece. He stated that we will be submitting it via FedEx tomorrow afternoon and it will be there submitted by Tuesday.

Consider Approval – Resolution Committing Local Funds - Bridge Street Multi-Use Path Phase 3 West

Trustee Scaggs made a motion to approve A Resolution Committing Local Funds - Bridge Street Multi-Use Path Phase 3 West. Seconded by Trustee Greco.

ROLL CALL AYES: Greco, Host, McMillin, Perinar, Scaggs and Slocum.
NAYS: NONE **MOTION CARRIED**

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Greco made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:13 p.m. Seconded by Trustee Scaggs.
VERBAL ROLL CALL: ALL AYES **MOTION CARRIED**

Submitted by
Kristin Hall
Village Clerk

