

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**October 4, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Pelletier called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call were Trustees Bowman, Cramer, Pelletier, and Tuman. Also present President Laube, Trustee Menzel, Administrator Osten, Acting Supt. of Public Works Huizinga, Acting Ass't. Supt. of Public Works Kublank, Engineer Thomas, and Treasurer Toppel.

**APPROVAL OF September 6, 2007 MINUTES**

*Trustee Pelletier made a motion to approve the September 6, 2007 meeting minutes.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Bowman and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**VISITORS/RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Len Buresh stated that the road program this year one of the worst he has seen in his 61 years as a resident. The swale(ditch) at 205 Millard has a steel rod coming out one side and a steel anchor on the other. The sod in the ditches was not done correctly and the steep sides of some are not even maintainable for the homeowners. Mr. Bursch also stated that the pavement is already cracked and peeling by the edge of the roads.

Rosemary Blohm added that her ditch-line is so deep and sharply angled that a riding lawn mower will not work and she can't handle a weed-whip so she has to hire a lawn service. She is also scared that cars come around her corner so fast that they will end up in her ditch and can't get out.

John Leonardi said when it rains the water drains from his driveway to his neighbors sidewalk and then down her driveway. He thinks either a surface drain or a grate is needed to correct the drainage at 110 & 118 Millard.

Mitch Welch of 202 Gladys has a very steep ditch-line and he thought that the ditch-line should be 3 to 1 and he provided pictures.

Trustee Pelletier will walk the project after the shoulder gravel is added and will look for other options regarding the ditches to be re-addressed at next month's meeting.

Resident Kathryn Schiewe inquired about a banquet facility being built on the Five O'Clock Steakhouse Property and was told no plans have been submitted.

Raymond Scheff, Sr. was complaining about the basketball pounding on the pavement all day long at Foxmoor Park, the patching job done on Foxmoor Road last year, and striping of the roads in Foxmoor. Osten responded by saying Foxmoor Park is a park and it's open until sunset, if people are playing basketball after sunset then the police should be called. The patching job was done because a complete resurface would be more expensive and leave less funds for other road work. Huizinga explained that the road has not been striped because Algonquin Township does not have the equipment any more, so they will get striped just not as often.

#### **ARREARS ACCOUNT REPORT**

Treasurer Toppel reported that the arrears are not done yet and she is sorry about the inconvenience.

#### **WATER AND SEWER**

Trustee Pelletier asked if anyone had any questions on the monthly progress report for Water and Sewer. Item discussed:  
..Cleaning dry-wells on Concord.

#### **Grayhill EPA Evaluation**

Kublank explained that Grayhill will have to add an additional monitoring well on the east side of the property next summer and he also explained why it was needed.

#### **FRG Commerical HazMat Inspection Schedule**

Kublank explained that the computer is down at this time but all businesses have complied. The second cycle will begin next month.

#### **Skid Steer**

The purchase of the skid steer for \$34,091 has been postponed to fund the garage repairs.

#### **MSI Software - \$1,200**

After a brief discussion, it was decided that using the history is more accurate than just the previous year. No estimating is perfect. The purchase of the software update is not necessary.

**Grit Tank Auger Replacement \$10,393 & Garage Repairs \$33,894**

*Trustee Tuman made a motion to purchase the replacement grit tank auger and to order tomorrow and to start the repairs on the garage at the cost of \$33,894 as soon as possible. The motion was seconded by Trustee Cramer and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.*

Osten asked Kublank to find out where 1200 Hillcrest is at with connecting to the Village sewer system and when plans will be submitted.

**STREETS AND PARKS**

**Help Wanted: Tech & Mechanic**

Huizinga reported that ads were put in the paper for both the Tech and Mechanic positions. Huizinga will be reviewing the applications.

**Snow Violations Procedures**

Huizinga will do article for the winter newsletter about the snow violation procedures on sidewalks in the business district and also a letter will be sent to the businesses outlining the procedures. The people who paid last year will be getting a refund.

**Lawn Appeal's Duties**

Huizinga sent the info to everyone about the duties of Lawn Appeal as an FYI.

**Public Works Workload**

Public Works at this time is overloaded and just trying to finish up projects that have been started and getting trucks ready for snowplowing. Some of the maintenance work will have to be out-sourced until we get a new mechanic. Osten said that B&F Inspections may help with violations and this will be discussed more at the Finance Committee Meeting.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**07/08 Road Program, Status**

Thomas stated that the 07/08 Road Program is just about completed except for restoration and punch-list items.

**Eastgate Stormwater Ways**

Joe Sgarbossa of Welch's Subdivision explained his theory of why Welch's Subdivision/Doyle Road floods now and why it didn't flood years ago. Many years ago a culvert of the other side of Route 22 was blocked with fill and trees. Also some of the natural waterway has been changed over the years. Thomas will look into the problem and report back.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Ordinance: Right-of-Way Construction Standards**

Attorney Rosenthal will have the ordinance for the right-of-way construction standards ready for review at the Finance Meeting.

**TIF District Beautification**

Trustee Pelletier met with handicapped resident Peter Johnson and will come up with a budget for the TIF beautification. Pelletier also mentioned that we should have an ordinance promoting pedestrian friendly roads and will forward the information to the Public Health & Safety Committee.

**Train Station Beautification**

Osten stated that the train beautification will be included in next year's budget, if money is available. A meeting is scheduled for October 15<sup>th</sup> with Trustee Cramer to discuss ideas.

**Harbor Team Dredging & River Bank Restoration**

The Army Corp of Engineers is still reviewing applications for dredging and shoreline stabilization for the Harbor Team. Shoreline restoration is scheduled for October 13<sup>th</sup>.

**S & P Facility, Next Steps**

The Streets & Parks Facility will be done in phases and the first meeting of the "new" Garage Committee is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Trustee Pelletier said the first thing is to have a preliminary rough grading plan. The October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be discussed at next month's Public Works Meeting.

Osten also said for FYI: Barrington Hills would like the agreement to have the Police antenna on our water tower but not the boundary agreement at this time. It will be discussed at the next Public Health & Safety Meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Trustee Bowman made a motion to adjourn at 9:35 p.m.* Trustee Pelletier seconded and it was approved by a voice vote of all yes votes.

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Paulette G. Pelletier, Chairman

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Penny Toppel, Secretary

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