

PUBLIC WORKS BOARD MEETING
Thursday, July 22, 2010

Meeting called to order at 8:00a.m. by Chair Weiss.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Supervisors Eckstein, Kalata and Chair Weiss.

OTHERS PRESENT: Tom Dahlke, Scott Schuman, Randy Gramse, Kathy VandeCastle, Tom Boguszewski from AECOM and Jason Timm from Town of Saxeville.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: A motion was made by Supv. Kalata, seconded by Supv. Eckstein to approve the agenda with the following additions: Public Comments-Tom Boguszewski from AECOM will be attending the meeting. Parks Reports: Don Buchanan observation. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: A motion was made by Supv. Kalata and seconded by Supv. Eckstein to approve the minutes of the July 1, 2010 meeting. Motion carried.

REPORTS – PARKS: Don Buchanan observed a collection site worker selling scrap iron. Pictures are available. The Board agreed because there is a policy in place which covers this he will be written up. Scott received a letter from a Waushara County citizen requesting access to the rifle range. He will be given a key but will not be allowed to drive down the range line to set up targets.

OLD BUSINESS – PARKS: Scott received a letter from Ruth regarding restitution for the Wautoma Collection Site arson. Because one is being charged as adult, the parents are not responsible for the restitution. The tax-intercept program will be used. Scott has also received some e-mails from the Sheriff in regards to giving a reward to the person who reported the arson. Scott and the Board agreed he should be rewarded; possibly through Crimestoppers or our insurance company. Scott will check into this. Totals so far for the arson are \$89,222 for the electrical, new equipment, labor and materials; \$3,782 for Parks labor; and \$3,235 for the extra hauling. The bills do not include the power upgrade.

Scott also reported that the Fahey property has been surveyed, Parks has built a new sign for the area and a small area will begin to be cleared shortly. Parks has received a grant for half of the work. Norm reported that the Town of Mount Morris has no problem turning the property over to the County.

NEW BUSINESS – PARKS: None

Scott left the meeting at 8:25a.m. Tom Boguszewski joined the meeting at 8:25a.m.

REPORTS – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Randy distributed the Superintendent's report. Randy reported information on the jail power outage on July 9, 2010. Randy had noticed the circuit breaker was tripped, tried to fix it and all power in the building went out. The generator worked very well for backup. The problem was solved quickly but it caused the heat timer to go out. Norm suggested turning it into the insurance company since there were other lighting strikes in the area.

OLD BUSINESS – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: None

NEW BUSINESS – BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Randy distributed a letter and office map detailing the office swapping for the Veterans Services. The main concern is privacy of the veterans. The Board agreed this was a good move.

Jason Timm joined the meeting at 8:38a.m. Randy left the meeting at 8:39a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Tom Boguszewski of AECOM thanked Tom for giving AECOM the opportunity to bid on the County XX bridge project in Berlin. Because of bad timing AECOM was unable to place a bid. AECOM took over EarthTech and others and in 2010 was reported the largest consulting firm in the Country.

REPORTS – HIGHWAY: The County XX stop sign issue began a year ago when the road project was completed. A 3-way stop replaced a 1-way stop. The gentleman believes the 3-way stop is unnecessary. He is working with legislators and the Highway Safety Committee suggested he work through petitions. Tom will only remove the stop sign if it is legal and proper. Because the County H/Tustin project is not eligible for Federal money, Tom would like to apply for County H from County E to County W. The Board agreed to have Tom apply for Federal money for County H. Tom reported another drainage spot in Tustin has failed. The Town of Bloomfield would like to hire out the work. The County would like to do the traffic control and the paving. The 2010 sealcoating has been completed except for some sweeping. The pulverizer is coming the first week of August to do work for the County, Town of Marion, Town of Oasis, Town of Dakota and Town of Mount Morris. The Highway Department will also be doing some work for the Parks Department: sealing the Mount Morris Park area to prepare for sealcoating next year. Tom reported by using the new prevailing wage law, the Town of Dakota was charged \$500 more for one day of paving. Tom has been approached by the Fair Board to donate equipment for the fair. The Board agreed to donate the equipment again for this year.

OLD BUSINESS – HIGHWAY: Tom explained that replacing an employee is tied into winter township plowing. Jason Timm from the Town of Saxeville does not want to lose the County for plowing. Jason gave Tom a letter from the Town saying the Town is willing to give the County more work. The Board agreed to keep plowing both the Town of Saxeville and the Town of Warren. Supv. Kalata made a motion to allow the Highway Department to hire the replacement employee as long as the department is able to stay within budget. The motion was seconded by Supv. Eckstein. Motion carried.

Jason Timm left the meeting at 9:20a.m.

NEW BUSINESS – HIGHWAY: None.

The next meeting will be August 12, 2010 at 8:00am at the Highway Department.

Motion by Supv. Kalata and seconded by Supv. Eckstein to adjourn the meeting at 9:20am.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Weiss, Supervisors Kalata and Eckstein

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy VandeCastle