



**Village of Bourbonnais  
PUBLIC WORKS**

July 29, 2015

Trustee Greenlee at the regular board meeting held on July 20, 2015 scheduled a public works committee meeting to take place on July 29, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. Present at the public works committee meeting was Village President Schore, Trustee Amiano, Trustee Greenlee, Trustee Fischer, Trustee Littrell, Village Treasurer Riebe, Finance Director Wolf, Village Attorney Dunn, Public Works Director Chamness, Building Commissioner Senesac, and Village Engineer Tyson. Absent are Trustee Keast and Trustee Littrell.

**1. STORM WATER ISSUES WITH VILLAGE ENGINEER TYSON:**

Village Engineer discussed a storm water sewer issue regarding a citizen with high water flow. The citizen is requesting a sewer line be added. Village Engineer explained the process and cost to add a sewer line is \$550,000.00. Village Engineer discussed an alternative option regarding a flipper gate which will need to be bolted down. Village Engineer explained that the flipper gate is not a definite solution other than spending \$550,000.00. Public Works Director suggests the citizen fill the window wells, so water goes around house instead of in house. Building Commissioner Senesac explained the code and suggested another sump pump. Public Works Director Chamness stated that the citizen already has a very large sump pump in the back. Public Works Director Chamness explained the recent heavy rains are causing most of these issues. The committee discussed the possibility of adding a swale and whether the neighbors will agree to same. Public Works Director Chamness stated public works can place the flapper gate if the citizen is willing to replace windows. Committee discussed offering a monetary contribution to the contractor that the citizen hires as an option. Committee requested information on the cost for the different solutions. No action taken by the committee. Tabled action until next meeting.

**2. CHAMNESS TO DISCUSS POTENTIAL MOWING EQUIPMENT NEEDS:**

Public Works Director Chamness discussed his need to upgrade his current mowing equipment. Public Works Director Chamness stated since late last fall/early last spring the village is expected to mow an extra 13.29 acres plus. He explained to the committee that he is not seeking new equipment, just upgraded equipment. Public Works Director Chamness provided information showing the additional mowing areas including Heritage Meadows, Cobblestone, and Prairie Chase plus mowing around the ponds. The current mowing equipment ages range from 13-

25 years old. Public Works Director Chamness stated if the mowers can be upgraded, public works can mow more efficiently and they will be able to mow in the rain. Instead of making more repairs on the existing mowers, Public Works Director Chamness suggested the village purchase new mowing equipment. Committee discussed the features of the standard tractors. Public Works Director Chamness also recommended the possibility of leasing the equipment through the state purchase agreement at pre-bid prices. Public Works Director Chamness stated that state purchasing agreement offer the best prices. Committee approved and recommends the purchase of new mowing equipment to finance.

### 3. OTHER:

- a. Village President Schore discussed the intersection at 1000 Road running north off of 6000 Road. The Village has had intentions of repairing this intersection and road over the years, but has been waiting for the interchange project as it will be redone at that time. Public Works Director Chamness stated the road is one big patch. Public Works Director Chamness said it will not last through the winter especially since the recent wet weather. Public Works Director Chamness wants public works to cut the road and prepare it for the contractor to lay the asphalt to save money. This should last at least two (2) years. Committee approved and recommends road repairs at the intersection to finance.
- b. Village President Schore asked Village Attorney Dunn about the agreement with Meadowbrook regarding the road project. Village Attorney Dunn spoke with opposing attorney and is waiting for an executed agreement, so Village can start road improvements. Village Attorney Dunn stated the Village nor the bank own the road as the property is still in foreclosure. Village Attorney Dunn stated the Village has an agreement in principal only. Village President Schore asked Village Attorney Dunn to contact opposing attorney to ask permission to start on August 10, 2015 to lay the asphalt. Village Attorney Dunn to follow up with opposing counsel and report back to committee after discussions. No action taken by the committee. Tabled for another meeting
- c. Public Works Director Chamness stated the village is having problems with snow plowing the cul-de-sac and as a result there are residents complaining. However, based on the amount of snow for example 3-4 inches, public works can complete the snow plow of the cul-de-sac within 8 hours. In the event the snow is over 5 inches, the current cul-de-sac machines do not work that fast. The residents expect the same kind of response time in an 8 hour period. Public Works Director Chamness recommends purchasing another cul-de-sac truck in order to pick up 30 more cul-de-sac in order to appease the residents. Public Works Director Chamness discussed the turning rate of the trucks and how effective they are. Public Works Director Chamness is proposing purchasing a used cul-de-sac. If this truck is not purchased, then when we have snow over five (5) inches, the residents will still have issues with the cul-

de-sacs snow plow times. Village President Schore stated that the vast majority of the plowing complaints are from the cul-de-sacs residents. Village President Schore asked if there are enough public works crew. Public Works Director Chamness stated he has enough employees. Public Works Director Chamness stated he has eight (8) hours to plow the cul-de-sacs with seven (7) employees at a time, then once complete there are six (6) employees who work the next shift. Committee asked Public Works Director Chamness to provide information on the purchase of the used truck. No action taken by the committee. Tabled for another meeting

- d. Finance Director Wolf explained to committee the difference between plastic lettering versus the aluminum lettering for the public works building honoring Former Trustee Gary Residori and the cost of same. Committee recommends the purchase of the aluminum letters to finance.

#### 4. ADJOURNMENT:

A motion was made by Trustee Amiano and seconded by Trustee Greenlee to adjourn the committee meeting. Motion passed on a voice vote of 4-0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

***Respectfully Submitted by:***



**Trustee Bruce Greenlee**  
***Chair of Public Works Committee***