Village of New Athens 905 Spotsylvania Street

Committee of the Whole Meeting of the Board of Trustees

Meeting Date: January 17, 2025

Meeting Time: 9:00 AM

Date Posted: January 14, 2025

Joe Behnken was the chairman of the meeting in absence of Chairman Steve Newbold’s attendance. The following committee members were present:

 Joe Behnken

John Feder

 Gary Kearns (arrived at 9:20 AM)

Debby Politsch

Absent from the meeting:

 Steve Newbold

 Arlene Geppert

 Richard Fitzgerald

Non-Member Participants

 Chris Remick, Village Superintendent of Public Works

 Dan Sommer, IDOT Construction Supervising Field Engineer

 Dave Ogle, (Volkert Engineering) Village Engineer

 Jay Retting, (Volkert Engineering) Resident Tech.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the sidewalk issue between Clinton and Jackson whereby the sidewalk elevation permits water to flow over the sidewalk during heavy rain. The cause of the issue is the existing ditch between the sidewalk and roadway that needs to be made deeper by removing built up silt. The second purpose of the meeting was to discuss the punch list procedure and tasks to be completed on the project.

Dan Sommer began the meeting by explaining Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) role in the project, primarily making sure Federal and State policies are followed and construction is done in accordance with the plan. IDOT’s and the Village Engineer’s position on the sidewalk issue is the village has the responsibility of correcting the depth of the ditch to correct the problem.

The other issue discussed was at 807 Spotsylvania, R&R Heating and Cooling, asphalt was destroyed during the sidewalk construction and was replaced with rock. The owner has taken the position that that asphalt that was destroyed should be replaced with asphalt (blacktop) as opposed to rock. This is an issue the village is going to have to resolve with the owner. The issue may be included in the final punch list.

The weather did not permit a preliminary punch list inspection that was tentatively planned after the meeting.

A motion was made by Debbie Politsch and seconded by Gary Kearns to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 AM.

Submitted by,

Joe Behnken

Acting Chairman

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