

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, October 6th, 2012

Committee Members Present: David Bonney, Gilles Beaudoin, Mike McEnery, Al Bavernik, Martin Feit; Clerk-Treasurer, Arlene Adler (alternate).

Committee members absent: Nancy Devane

Public Present: Paul Willis

The meeting is opened at: 10:30 am

Location: Becket Town Hall, 557 Main Street

Meeting Introduction: I.A.W. - M.G.L. Chapter 30A, Section 20

Approval of the September 8th Meeting Minutes- Mr. David Bonney advises that there are two sets of minutes from September that need to be approved, further advising that himself as well as Arlene Adler will abstain. Mike makes a motion to approve the executive session minutes from September 8th, Gill seconds motion; Unanimous Approval. Next committee members review the minutes from the regular session from September 8th, Mike makes a motion to approve the meeting minutes, Gill seconds motion; Unanimous Approval. Mr. Bonney advises that it is his belief that the executive session minutes need not to be posted, however they will be made available after a certain time frame.

Road Superintendent's Road maintenance Report- September 2012

1. Work orders
 - #12 9/6 Emergency- King Richard-Fire Side-Black Arrow
 - #13 9/12 Dense grade and repair on Prince John and Dragon Way
 - #14 9/19 Dense Grade-Whistling Arrow-Kyle-Fireside
 - #15 9/19 Dense Grade- Sherwood Drive
2. Material put down on roads- Prince John Drive-8, Dragon Way-1, Sherwood Drive-4, Whistling Arrow Way-2, Kyle Lane-2, Black Arrow Way-1, Fireside Lane-1.
3. Rain Storm-9/18 clean-up-King Arthur Drive, Nottingham Circle.
4. Street Signs Ordered and are in- Fireside Lane-2, Friar Tuck Drive-2, Golden Knight Lane-1, Jester's Court-2, Kyle Lane-1, Minstrels Way-1, Needle Lane-1, Nottingham Court-1, Paw Lane-1, Porcupine Court-1, Oxen Court-2.
5. One phone call ; water going on well from Dragon Way
6. Work is finished on King Richard Drive, no bill as of 10/3/12

7. Fall clean-up will start this month and waterway maintenance.

Public Participation- None

Treasurer's Report- Marty advises that they received another check for back taxes from the town for \$830.39, committee members agree to put the money in the money market account. Marty advises that there is now \$41,000 in the account. Marty informs the committee that he received a letter from the tax collector, stating that the finance committee is considering changing from the current quarterly collection of taxes to the semi-annual collection of taxes, the letter advises that this would effect the road district and advises that there will be a meeting to discuss this on October 11th and all are invited to attend. Committee members briefly discuss what this would mean to them. Committee members agree that this is unlikely to pass. Marty presents the treasurer's report to the committee; committee members briefly review. Marty makes note that since the committee voted to increase the meeting pay to \$50, attendance has been noticeably better. Marty also advises that he lowered the monthly verizon bill by reducing the amount of minutes to be used, he advises that the bill has dropped from \$90 per month down to \$50 per month.

Warrant Approval- A motion is made to approve the warrant as presented, the motion is seconded; Unanimous Approval.

Budget Discussion- Previously discussed.

Committee Discussion-

General Road Contracts- Mr. Bonney advises that they need to figure out the amount they want to spend on roadside tree removal. Ms. Adler questions which trees they are specifically looking to remove, she is informed that they are speaking of standing dead trees, committee members discuss. Mr. Bonney states that the cost of the removal will stay under \$5000, so they do not have to go out and get three bids. Next, committee members discuss roadside mowing, advising that they need to figure out how much money they will need to spend on this, committee members agree that it will take approximately 100 hours to do this properly.

Road Superintendent's Manual- Mr. Bonney advises that the road super is to have the chainsaw, he further states that it is the job of the road super to be responsible for cutting down small trees and limbs in order to open up the roads. Mr. Bonney states that he did get the chainsaw from Dave Devane. Mr. Bonney also advises that it should be considered to put some of the curb cut information up on the website, this will include the application, fees, etc. Mike advises that as soon as he receives this information he will post it on the website. Lastly, Mr. Bonney advises that he would like to be able to attend some of the Road Superintendents conventions, but does not get the information on when they meet. Marty states that he will do some research and find out the information requested and get it to Mr. Bonney.

Road Manual- Mr. Bonney advises that the committee needs to start thinking about using lime on the roads, considering the pros and cons and whether or not this will be cost effective. Mr. Bonney advises that he will call Lee Lime and get some prices. Marty advises that they may want to consider using lime on some of the lesser traveled roads. Committee members discuss trying it out.

Water ways this fall- Mr. Bonney advises that he would like to concentrate on this, advising that they have not used any of the money specifically put aside for waterways. Marty reminds the committee that some of the money has actually been used, however that in the past, the account was not seperated and therefor put under the general roads account. Marty states that he will further look into this.

Winter Roads 2012-2013- Mr Bonney advises they will be working on fall clean-up. He advises that there is plenty of salt and sand.

Adjournment- A motion is made to adjourn the meeting , the motion is seconded; meeting is adjourned at 12:10 pm. .
Schedule next meeting for November 3rd, 2012

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer