

VILLAGE OF SOMONAUK  
COMMITTEE OF A WHOLE  
Wednesday, April 7, 2010 at 6:00 pm

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 PM by Village President Aaron Grandgeorge. In attendance were Trustees Morphey, Wiegman, Mc Millen, Conley and Larson. Trustee Merrill was absent.

Sidewalk Bids:

Mc Millen gave a report on the use of red dye or metal inserts for the handicapped “ramps” at street corners. He said the red dye that they used last year has faded and actually costs more than the metal inserts. The consensus of the board members was that future replacement should be done with the inserts. Questions were asked about the wording of the contract that bidders would be required to sign. Mc Millen said that the contract would be specific about the old concrete being hauled away as part of the job they are being paid for.

Due to some property owners refusing to pay their share of the sidewalk costs in the past year a long discussion ensued about future sidewalk repairs and the method of funding them. It was finally “tentatively” agreed that in the future a certain number of sidewalks will be scheduled for replacing. These will be chosen by the Streets and Alley’s Committee according to the state of disrepair they are currently in; i.e. the worst area’s will be replaced first and paid for from the funds allotted in the current budget. If any property owner wants his/her sidewalk repaired immediately they will have to wait until their area is scheduled OR they will have to pay for 50% of the cost.

Replace signs on Route 34:

There are 16 signs that need to be replaced at a cost of \$131.36, the funds are in the budget.

POLICE:

Officer Wallis is resigning his position in Somonauk’s Police Department. His final day will be April 19, 2010. He will reimburse a prorated part of the cost for his training. He said he might be able to work some part time if needed. Chief Smith said they will need to put an ad in the paper for a replacement officer.

The Police department has a total of \$8000.00 to \$9000.00 in the DUI fund Chief Smith wants the Board to approve the use of some of these funds for some new equipment for the Department:

Alco/Pro III/As3ro2 (PBT)	quantity 2	\$978.00
DRY gas 30L .082	quantity 1	\$139.00
Regulator	quantity 1	\$109.00
	Shipping	\$40.00
Decatur Genesis II Directional Radar	quantity 2	\$3140.00
	Shipping	\$25.00
Kodak Z950 Digital Camera (Sam’s Club)	quantity 2	\$439.72
Plastic box (for cameras) Plano Molding		\$20.00
Total		\$4890.72

Park Storm Drain:

South Side Park Storm Drain on Hoxey Road, Morphey reported there were not bids in at this time they will have them by next Monday, April 12, 2010.

**Lift Station Lining:**

Morphey said they will be relining two lift stations one on Cook Ct. and one on LaSalle St. There is another one on Dale St.

**Tower rental:**

Next Level Technologies approached Morphey with a request to rent use of the water tower to place an antenna for their internet service. Their bid for use was not satisfactory and more negotiations will be needed before their offer will be considered.

**Other Business**

The village has been approached by one of the Church's for permission to install recycling bins in the park.

It has come to the Boards attention that some of the Railroad pedestrian crossings are in poor repair and could present a danger to pedestrians trying to cross the tracks. Morphey gave McMillen information on possibly working on a grant to have them repaired.

Jo Ann Abens has asked the Village for permission to allow her to install a small patch of cement where she parks her car, because it is always muddy and has standing water in the place where she get in and out. Morphey will check with the Building Inspector.

There have been a number of complaints that the La Salle County 911 system does not respond to emergency calls.

They Hogan Walker Business has been having a number of false alarms to the Police Department beyond the three allowed. A letter will be sent to them.

Conley asked where we were on the video gaming (License's?) at Rambo's, Apples, and possibly The Court Yard. The State has not finished the rules and regulations yet.

Due to the loss of \$85,000.00 from the State the Village Budget must be trimmed to accommodate that loss: the possibility of no raises has arisen. There will also be no full-time positions available in Public Works Department.

**MOTION:**

Conley made a motion for adjournment, Morphey seconded the motion and the following Trustees voted: Morphey-yes, Larson yes Mc Millen-yes, and Conley-yes. Wiegman -left prior to motion. Merrill was absent.

**MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:59.

Respectfully submitted,

Palley Wohlers Clerk Pro-Tem