



SIDEWALK COMMITTEE

JANUARY 21, 2015

Present: Robert Stevens, Sandy Carlin, Sharon Weed

Invitees: James Tornatore, Mayor; Michael Reynolds, Deputy Mayor; Virginia VanEtten, Village Trustee, Rachel Jacobs, Deputy Clerk-Treasurer (and author of grant), Wm. Foster, DPW Supervisor

R. Stevens called meeting to order @ 7:00 PM.

R. Stevens stated members of bus drivers union approached him regarding a letter of support w/respect to school children in the street. J. Tornatore stated more important to come to future public meeting for the residents. Per DOT, copious notes to be taken, and to be taped.

R. Stevens said there are difficulties with the grant, as Village Attorney Frank Como's paperwork with bad information (re: ROW) was accepted. Meeting Tuesday, 1/20/15 w/DOT representative Dave McEwan. Option one, worst case scenario, would be to abandon project. To obtain ROW now has strict federal guidelines – pay full market value to obtain ROW; proof of ROW will be requested from now on per D. McEwan.

Option 2 is to forge ahead. Delta Engineers present at 1/20/15 meeting as they are company of record -- \$12,000 expense for survey (\$8500) and boundary mapping (\$3500). The survey is critical to next step – to know how many properties are involved in order to get easements. Fair Market Value is under federal guidelines.

Assessment determined by third party. If owner wants higher price outside of FMV, there will negotiations. Each property owner has option to waive appraisal and/or FMV fee. – owners will be informed. The DOT is so specific in this area that owners cannot be spoken to unless at a public meeting, and not by committee members, Board members etc. as no discussion/negotiation from people who have a vested interest. DOT rep stated there are people who could come in for meetings to explain, i.e. Delta said they have people who do that and DOT knows that person.

R. Stevens said there was a “walk about” with R. Jacobs, Wm. Foster and DOT rep. No more than ¼” rise from section to section per Delta.

Per R. Stevens, DOT rep suggested not to scrap the project and option could be to do one side of the street (West side). DOT and Delta appear enthusiastic. R. Stevens suggested that project continue for the one side, that survey be funded from the Village, and easements secured under our (Village) own dollar. Village may seek reimbursement of these costs from funding. Temporary easement needed to remove old sidewalk. Easement specific or broad depending on survey results, as middle (crown) of road to each side will vary. Project allows for tree removal- owner benefits.

R. Stevens asked sidewalk committee members as to the committee’s position to present to the Board – committee members recommended “aye” to the Village Board to proceed.

Meeting adjourned 8:00 PM.

TENTATIVE 3/18/15 MEETING

Kathy McCall

Account Clerk Typist