

PRESENT:

Harry Milligan, Supervisor
William Weber, Councilman
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT:

Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Chris Snyder, Building Inspector
Andy Sojka, Parks Supt.
Carl Fix, Highway Supt.
Len Weglarski, Dog Control Officer

RECORDING SECRETARY:

Barbara Ertel, Deputy Town Clerk

1. ACS REQUEST/VARSITY & MODIFIED CROSS COUNTRY:

Councilwoman Riddoch received a request from ACS Athletic Director Matthew Librock for use of the Joe Panza Trail and paved loop for practices and meets. Parks Supt. Andy Sojka sees no problem – the trail is in great shape.

- Mary also received a request from ACS for use of the soccer fields at Robert O. park for practices and scrimmages. Although the fields were scheduled for re-hab work starting the end of September, it is felt that schedules can be worked out to accommodate both. Concern was raised by Hgwy. Supt. Fix because of some drainage work they need to do in that area. After discussion, it was determined that it wouldn't interfere with the soccer area.

Mary will make two motions regarding these requests for the next board meeting.

2. CRITTENDEN VOL. FIRE MEMBERSHIP REQUEST:

Councilwoman Riddoch reported on membership application received from Matthew Kingswell, Sr., 2506 Crittenden Road. Attorney Strong has reviewed and prepared resolution for next board meeting.

3. PARK BENCH:

Councilwoman Riddoch explained concerns she has with the memorial benches being randomly placed within the parks. She feels that some kind of plan is needed so that the town can accommodate the requests, but still be able to mow/maintain the parks. It was agreed that any future memorial bench requests go through Mary for placement approval.

4. PARK SHELTER:

Concern was raised regarding the construction of the new shelter and the grant stipulated time-frame. Discussion was held covering such areas as whether the cost of materials has increased and what becomes of the excess grant funds. Parks Supt. Sojka has concerns with his man-power shortage and keeping up with regular park maintenance. When asked, CEO Snyder suggested using any extra funds to hire someone to help with construction. It was agreed that Chris would obtain some prices. Supervisor Milligan expressed his frustration, feeling we should be able to construct this shelter ourselves.

5. ICE SKATING RINK:

Due to several factors, it has been decided that the skating rink should be removed. Other options for utilizing that area were discussed – among them: paving for more parking area or construction of a new building for a park/recreation office facility. Nothing decided.

6. PARK CONNECTION TRAIL:

Regarding the easement requests, Engineer Metzger has been trying to get approval from Zoladz, with no luck as yet. He will continue his efforts. Reserve Gas is not opposed, but has not submitted anything is writing as yet. Koelbl's are on board.

7. ALDEN YOUTH BASEBALL REQUEST:

Councilwoman Riddoch presented a request from AYB President Steve DePaolis for use of the Town Hall gym for baseball practices throughout the fall and winter. Questions were raised concerning insurance, availability of the gym for use by other organizations, amount of children in the building, etc. Supervisor Milligan suggested Pres. DePaolis come to next work session for further discussion.

8. SEALING PARKING LOT:

Parks Supt. Sojka obtained two quotes for sealing and re-striping driveway and parking lot in town park. J & D's Sealtech Corp. is low bidder. Supervisor Milligan would like prices to have the walking trail blacktopped.

9. FENCE QUOTE FOR TOWN PARK:

Parks Supt. Sojka obtained some preliminary information and pricing on decorative fencing for the town park. Discussion covered such areas as depth of posts in concrete and design of top rail for safety issues. Andy will obtain one more quote.

10. FERTILIZER QUOTE FOR TOWN PARK:

Parks Supt. Sojka presented information regarding fertilization required for football field. Obtained price from Professional Turf Services, Inc., whom he believes is the sole source for this particular fertilizer. Councilman Weber offered to call some farm supply stores for availability.

11. SCOREBOARD POST:

Board is waiting for information from Bob Meyer, AJF, regarding placement of scoreboard posts.

12. SANDRIDGE/MAIN ST. TRUCK TRAFFIC:

Engineer Metzger had nothing new to report, although the board does feel that the situation has improved.

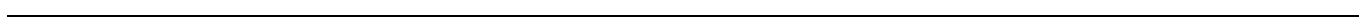
13. COMMUNITY CENTER STRUCTURAL ISSUES:

Engineer Metzger, CEO Snyder and Parks Supt. Sojka will be meeting Tuesday morning with a structural engineer and will report back to the board.

* CEO Chris Snyder reported that he is meeting with operator of Sewer District II on Wednesday morning regarding steel replacement tanks.

*Highway Supt. Carl Fix reported on a deal for a John Deere front-end loader which he would like to purchase. – a substantial price increase is due October 1st. We could order now and three months “rental” would be applied to purchase price which would be then paid off in January. Board had questions and issues to clarify. Carl will obtain additional information for next work session, but stressed that we need to act on this by October 1st.

- Discussion regarding Certified mailings received by Supervisor Milligan and Hgwy. Supt. Fix regarding plowing contracts with the county.



* Engineer Mike Metzger reported on the information he obtained per the boards' request of him to look into the controversial issue of the waste storage tank in Marilla and any potential impact on Alden. He is satisfied with the safety, testing and inspections addressed and feels that everything would be very regulated. Concern/question was raised regarding the possibility of truck traffic through Alden if this material was transported to Niagara County. This may not even be an issue once the West Seneca plant is running and perhaps supplying farms in Erie County. There is a public comment period open for the DEC permit which closes September 5th. Mike will check to see if there are designated routes established yet.

*Councilman Bill Weber:

- questioned Hgwy. Supt. Fix regarding:

- concern/inquiry from resident regarding placing "no parking" signs on a section of County Line Road. Attorney Strong advised that no parking areas are designated by local law.

-concern/inquiry from Peters Corners Road resident regarding asphalt dumped in drainage ditch when railroad work was being done. Supt. Fix thought the county had cleaned that up but will check it out.

*Supervisor Milligan received a request from a resident to help offset the cost of the 2014 Awareness Calendar – which provides information to teens and young adults regarding prescription drug dangers. After board discussion, it was decided to deny this request for this year.

Meeting ended: 8:15 P.M.

Board entered into Executive Session, including Town Attorney Strong, to discuss contracts and litigation matters.
