

Village of Bellaire

STREETS & MOTOR POOL COMMITTEE

Dave Ciganick, Chairman

Bryan Hardy

Eldon McPherson

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

March 12, 2021

7:30 AM

I. Call to Order: Meeting was called to order at 7:34 AM.

II. Roll Call - Attendance:

Present: Bryan Hardy, Eldon McPherson, and Dave Ciganick

Absent: None

Staff Present: Nicole Essad, Clerk; and Bradley Keiser, DWP Supervisor

Public Present: Abby Baker, Ray Mills, and Don Waara

III. Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Motion by McPherson, seconded by Hardy to approve the agenda as presented. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

IV. Approval of Minutes – January 5, 2021: The minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting were approved with the heading being changed to reflect the proper Committee.

Motion by Hardy, seconded by McPherson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2021 meeting. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

V. Conflict of Interest: None presented.

VI. Public Comment: None presented.

VII. Old Business

- a. Plow Truck- update:** DPW Supervisor Keiser gave an update on the purchase of the new plow truck. He stated that the timeline has been shortened, due to the fact that another municipality had canceled their order for a truck. General discussion was held about the price of the new truck and the timeline of the new truck. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that an opportunity came up to sell the 2016 International. He stated that no one at the DPW likes the 2016 International because it is always broken down and is only for one use. The dealer gave Bradley a rough price that it could be sold at, and that price covers what the Village currently owes on it. He stated that if he could sell the 2016 International, then the Village could buy a new Western Star, like the new one the Village is currently buying. Trustee McPherson stated that it seems like a good idea. General discussion was held about the cost of the 2nd new truck and when it would be done. It was the consensus of this Committee to direct staff to explore the concept of buying a 2nd plow truck and selling the 2016 International plow truck.

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VIII. New Business

- a. **Veteran's Banners:** Chairperson Ciganick stated that Hometown Heroes gave a presentation to the Village Council, and the Village Council wanted this committee to look further into it. He stated that there were some concerns regarding the Friends of Veterans fundraising projects; that the DPW had concerns about the light poles bearing the weight of the banners; and that there is a current banner program in place. General discussion was held about what the Friends of Veterans were selling for their fundraising efforts. Mr. Mills and Mr. Waara were present from the Friends of Veterans and they did not want to get involved in the banner deal. Chairperson Ciganick stated that from what he understands that they did not have to get involved with the banners because Hometown Heroes would do that. Chairperson Ciganick suggested that the Village wait until the Friends of Veterans were about 90% done with selling their bricks and then pursue the banners from Hometown Heroes. Mr. Waara stated that the Friends of Veterans is having a hard time selling bricks and calendars, plus there were flags that were also unsponsored. He did not want to compete with the \$400 banners. General discussion was held about how the Friends of Veterans spend their money and them being a non-profit. Mr. Mills and Mr. Waara stated that the Friends of Veterans would take the banner program under advisement after they have sold their bricks. Ms. Baker, from Hometown Heroes, explained more about the banners, and that the price of the banners could be less expensive. She offered to help the Friends of Veterans sell their fundraising items. Chairperson Ciganick stated that all the risk would be on Hometown Heroes. He also stated that he looked at other options besides the downtown street light poles. He does not want to step on the Friends of Veterans toes. Trustee Hardy stated that he wants to ask the business owners how they would feel about the new banners. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that the current banner program was a fundraiser to purchase streetlights, and there may be fewer light poles if MDOT is able to revamp the downtown.

Motion by Ciganick, seconded by Hardy, to recommend to the Village Council that the Village endorse Hometown Heroes concept, but delay the start of the concept until the Friends of Veterans has sold 90% of bricks and installed those bricks in the ground. Motion Passed by unanimous voice vote.

- IX. **Correspondence/Reports:** DPW Supervisor Keiser updated this Committee on upgrades to M-88 in the downtown area. He stated that MDOT has some money left over to redo the downtown area. He stated that the project would entail repaving M88 downtown, new storm drains put in, and ADA compliant curbs. He stated that MDOT has sent up a designer/engineer to look at the project, and that the project could be started as soon as this year but most likely next year. DPW Supervisor Keiser stated that he would like to apply for a streetscape grant to help with the cost. General discussion was held about MDOT funding and

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when the project would be approved. General discussion was held about streetlights and storm drains in the downtown area as well.

DPW Supervisor Keiser also stated that because streets had left over money in the winter maintenance budget, he ordered concrete garbage cans for the downtown. These will be out throughout the winter, and there will be fewer garbage cans.

- X. Member/Public Comment:** Trustee McPherson stated that there should be a banner program, with a certain end date for the banners. Chairperson Ciganick stated that it should remain the same, i.e., when the banners are faded then they need to be replaced. Trustee McPherson also stated the Village Council Chamber needs new chairs because the ones that are there are breaking.

- XI. Adjourn:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 AM to the call of the chair.

Minutes compiled by:
Nicole E. Essad, Clerk

Minutes are subject to approval.

Approved: _____

Date: _____