

# Village of Bellaire

## STREETS & MOTOR POOL COMMITTEE

Dennis Balon, Chairman

Butch Dewey

Brent Nelson

### MEETING MINUTES

April 20, 2010

10:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Balon called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.
2. **Roll Call Attendance**
  - Present:** Chairman Dennis Balon, Butch Dewey & Brent Nelson
  - Absent:** N/A
  - Staff Present:** Ken Stead, Janet Koch
  - Also Present:** Colette Stanish
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
  - Motion by Dewey, seconded by Nelson, to approve the agenda as presented.**
  - Motion carried by voice vote.**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved.
  - Motion by Nelson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes of June 8, 2009 as presented. Motion carried by voice vote.**
5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.
6. **Old Business:** None presented.
7. **New Business**
  - a) **Sidewalk on east side of Bridge St. from Antrim St. north to Forest Home Ave. –**

DPW Superintendent Ken Stead told the committee that the sidewalk needed to be replaced. Most village sidewalks are 5 feet in width, but due to the proximity of this sidewalk to the curb and the dramatic elevation change from the curb, Stead recommended that the sidewalk be replaced at its current width of 4 feet.

Stead also said that while he prefers to replace sidewalks at the back of curb elevation, that procedure isn't workable in this case as some portions of the existing sidewalk are up to 12 inches below the curb. The sidewalk replacement will include handicap accessible ramps to the street level. Stead said that if the budget allows he will also install a handicap accessible ramp to Richardi Park (the southeast corner of Bridge and Antrim).

Dewey asked if money had been budgeted for the project. Stead said it had.

**Motion by Balon, supported by Dewey, to fix the sidewalk as Stead had recommended. Motion carried by voice vote.**

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- b) **Status of Willow Lane** – Stead said that currently the properties along the road are all private and he is not certain if any road easements are in place. The only village easement in that location is a sewer easement. Stead said standard procedure would be to take over road maintenance only if the road's condition is first brought up to village standards.

Dewey said to do that, a large amount of fill would need to be brought in and some businesses would be flooded with stormwater. Stead said if the road is built at a lower level, an extensive – and expensive – drainage system would have to be installed.

The committee agreed that taking over a private road and then constructing a new road isn't the village's responsibility.

**Motion by Dewey that the committee make no recommendations to the Village Council on the status of Willow Lane. Motion amended by Dewey, seconded by Nelson, to present to the Village Council the situation on Willow Lane and make no activity on it. Motion carried by voice vote.**

8. **Discussion Items:** None presented.

### 9. **Communications/Informational**

Dewey asked about the status of the streets. Stead said he'll be talking with Reith-Riley about putting together a bid package for the paving of Holiday Acres. As the project cost is over \$20,000 it needs to be a public bid.

Nelson asked about the status of the triangle project. Stead said they're currently working on the irrigation.

Balon asked about the condition of Seneca Street. Stead said it needs to go on the list of streets needing repairs. Balon said maybe they could pave a section at a time instead of the entire street and see what the price is for that. Stead agreed and suggested that if the entire street is paved that Forest Home Township might pay a portion of the cost.

Dewey asked about the status of sidewalks other than portion of the Bridge St. sidewalk slated for replacement this year. Stead said the rest are in good condition and asked the committee members to mention any sidewalk problems they see to him.

### 10. **Member/Public Comment**

Colette Stanish said she'd talked to a Garden Club member about the triangle who had said the club hadn't been informed about the DPW work. Balon said the council had discussed the issue at their last meeting and asked Koch to contact the Garden Club. Koch said she'd tried to contact Bobbi Olson with no success but had talked to Margurite Karabin about what the DPW was doing.

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**11. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 10:26 a.m.**

Compiled by Janet Koch, Clerk  
Minutes Subject to Approval

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_