

6:30 PMSTREETS & ALLEYS

1. Citizen Concern: Sidewalk & Arch St. Concerns
2. Sidewalks repairs
3. Casey's/Skelton ditch
4. Otto ditch
5. Resident Interaction

J. McCormick

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6. Extension for 100 W. Main St. (Dan & Michelle Skelton porch)
7. Update on 101 S. 4th Street refurbishment
8. Update on 407 W. Walnut Street ownership
9. 207 S. 5th Street (Old High School): Discuss timeline and consider variance
10. Update on survey at 100 E. Race Street

Meeting called to order by Streets & Alleys Chairman Karker at 6:30pm.

Blackstock, Karker, Tibbs, Smith, R. Coon, Mayor Skelton, B. McCormick, Engineer Burris and Clerk Coon all present.

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1. Citizen J. McCormick requested that the committee consider removing the sidewalk in front of his residence at 209 E. Arch Street due to his being handicapped.

-Recommendation: To remove the sidewalk in question at 209 E. Arch Street per the homeowners' request for consideration of replacement in the future.

J. McCormick then voiced his concerns over large trucks and tractor-trailer trucks using Arch Street between 1st Street and Logan Street as an exit. It was noted that these trucks are involved in the work with the 136 project. J. McCormick reported that there are gouges and grooves to form. Engineer Burris was asked to look into this matter. J. McCormick pointed out that this street was not a truck route and should not be allowed to use it as such.

2. Burris reminded that Bruce Eads was the contractor that has helped with sidewalk repair in the past. There was discussion about called IMLRA to come out and evaluate the need for sidewalk repair/replacement. Karker is to look into this service with IMLRA. Citizen Bill Blackstock voiced concerns with the potential decrease in property value if sidewalks are completely removed. Considerations were discussed regarding citizens being asked to provide up to half of the repair/replacement costs for any future sidewalk work to be done. Burris and B. Blackstock informed the board that there was a map of sidewalks that need to be replaced or repaired from a previous inspection done by the IMLRA representative.

-Recommendation: Contact contractors for pricing to repair several sidewalks in the coming months and years to include leveling, sand and all finish work.

3. There were discussions pertaining to the litigation that is currently pending involving the drainage ditch (old railroad property) owned by Mayor Skelton. There were concerns that any agreement made would not be completed by Mayor Skelton to which Burris explained that any arbitration agreements would be taken in front of a judge and become a legal and binding agreement. Opinions were voiced over the direction that this matter should take and concerns were explained due to previous issues found, i.e. incorrect culvert size and drainage problem throughout the village. R. Coon pointed out his observation of the chippings and asphalt that has been laid on the property in question by the IDOT contractors during the repaving of 136 project. Karker relayed information obtained during a conversation with Attorney Dunn in reference to this subject stating that Mr. Dunn was "unclear about what the case was about too". There were concerns voiced by citizens B. Blackstock, J. McCormick and Trustees Coon and Blackstock about this question.

-Recommendation: Clerk Coon was directed to contact Attorney Dunn in regards to attending the September board meeting.

Burris explained that a special board meeting could be called in which Attorney Dunn and Mayor Skelton's attorney could both be in attendance along with the Trustees and Mayor Skelton for an informal discussion on the issues at hand for possibly finding a resolution.

-Amended Recommendation: Clerk Coon is to contact Attorney Dunn and schedule a special board meeting to be held as soon as possible taking into consideration the schedules of all parties involved.

4. Engineer Burris reported on his actions and findings at the Otto residence, 210 E. Arch Street. Burris recommends that maintenance “shave back” the sides of the ditch that was dug to make for a gentler slope.

5. Karker struck this item from the agenda.

-Citizen Wilma Kay West asked if the storm drain beside her garage could be looked at because it is completely obstructed and will not drain. Engineer Burris was asked to look into this matter.

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6. Smith requested an update on repairs from D. Skelton. D. Skelton reported that some of the work had been completed but due to extreme temperatures they were unable to complete the needed repairs. There was discussion about what remaining repairs were going to be made.

-Recommendation: Grant an extension to D. Skelton until the September 23, 2013 board meeting at which time if a longer extension is needed it will be discussed.

7. Citizen R. Davis was not in attendance so Trustee Coon reported that the windows were not being replaced as agreed upon in the variance which was dated 8-14-13. In said variance Mr. Davis was allowed to describe his own terms with deadlines attached for completion, not progress, of each stage of the repairs. There was discussion about the remaining factors in the variance that was requested and signed by Mr. Davis.

-Recommendation: Trustees Coon and Smith to speak with Mr. Davis in regards to the above mentioned concerns.

8. Clerk Coon explained the issue of ownership at the property known as 407 W. Walnut Street. At current said property is owned by Mr. Mark Mattingly. However, Mr. Mattingly has stated that he gave said property to Mr. Rick Davis in lieu of paying for back taxes. Mayor Skelton explained that Mr. Davis had not received the proper deed for said property and therefore did not wish to proceed with any further improvements to the property until ownership was finalized.

-Recommendation: Clerk Coon was directed to send Mr. Mattingly a letter explaining 1) he has thirty (30) days to take care of the title/deed work or remove the trailer and 2) he has thirty (30) days to take care of the title/deed work or fix or demolish the garage on said property.

Mayor Skelton is to talk with Mr. Davis in regards to the above recommendation.

10. Engineer Burris updated the board on the survey at 100 E. Race Street stating that the survey was complete and the easement should be prepared by the September 23, 2013 board meeting.

9. Mr. Richards reported to the board that the tires and car parts located on his property at 207 S. 5th Street have been removed. Richards expressed his concerns over the past sewer pipe that had potentially been damaged by ex-Mayor Weyhrich. B. McCormick explained that it is uncertain if the high school or Mr. Richards building was ever actually hooked to the village sewer system. There was a discussion between Engineer Burris and Mr. Richards in regards to the sewer system and whose responsibility it is for repair. Mr. Richards explained that his property only extends to eight inches (8”) to the west of the building and he denies that there is anyone residing in the resident portion of the building at this time. There was discussion about the use of the camera that Mr. Richards’ son had referred to at the August 19, 2013 board meeting. Trustee Smith explained to Mr. Richards that the village wishes to work with him to rectify the situation with the sewer drainage however cooperation needs to be had from both directions.

-Recommendation: Mr. Richards is to get the camera or let the village know if he can get the camera within two weeks for Maintenance to utilize for tracking of the sewer system. The Village is to hear from Mr. Richards by the 18th of September or Trustee Smith will call on the 19th so determination can be made if a petition for attachment to village sewer system needs to be made. The sewer system will not be used until a determination can be made.

Meeting Adjourned

Recorded by: Stacy Coon, Village Clerk