

Village of Rossville
Public Improvements Committee
August 31, 2021
5:00 p.m.

Trustee Gammon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. to review past meeting minutes, discuss stump grinder and Premier Cooperative Possible Expansion. The meeting was held at the Rossville Municipal Building located at 120 East Attica Street in Rossville, Illinois.

Committee members physically present-Trustees Gammon, Cornell and Sturm
Committee members absent-none.

Guests present-Mayor Queen, Clerk White, Superintendent Lusk, Trustees Black and Daniel, Ken Gammon, Premier Cooperative representatives Brandon Smith, Wes Ware and Jeff Breen.

Prior meeting minutes will be presented at the next committee meeting.

Premier Cooperative representatives Brandon Smith, Wes Ware and Jeff Breen presented their proposed expansion project. The project is a 3-phase project. Premier Cooperative, "Premier", would like to build 3 grain bin east of the office but where one of the grain bins would be built, the edge would extend into the street. The current concrete slab would be removed. "Premier" expects a new bin to be built every 3-5 years for this project. The grain bins are taxable real estate so the Village would benefit a little in real estate taxes. Mayor Queen asked why not build on the property on the north corner of North Grove and East Attica Streets that has to be mowed. The access to the grain bins is key. If the grain bins were built along Maple/S. Grove Streets, "Premier" would have easier access to build the additional bins. "Premier" would like to close Maple Street, from the alley beside 308 Maple, and S. Grove to Gilbert Street. The Village water main would have to be isolated. Trustee Black suggested planting evergreen trees to attempt beautifying the area. Trustee Sturm asked if Premier Cooperative is planning to buy the road or if they are asking to vacate the portions of the road. Mayor Queen will discuss that along with other legal issues with the Village attorney and "Premier". "Premier" would like to begin construction preferably by the end of November. "Premier" has discuss the proposal with John Boyer, who owns property at the northwest corner of the intersection of Gilbert and S. Grove. According to "Premier" representatives, Mr. Boyer was agreeable with having access from Attica Street for his heavy equipment to be driven to his property. The matter will be discussed at the September 20, 2021 regular board meeting.

Stump Grinder- Superintendent Lusk stated the Village has rented a stump grinder since 2002, which Motor Fuel Tax (MFT) money is allowed to pay for the rental of a stump grinder. MFT will not pay for vendors to cut the stumps. Superintendent Lusk rode with vendors to show them the stumps that need removed. Two proposals were received for cutting/grinding the stumps for this year. Superintendent Lusk was asked if the Village were to purchase a stump grinder, what would be the specs for a stump grinder. Superintendent Lusk stated he would look for something that had under 1,000 hours on it, which would cost approximately \$40,000. The Village has 40-50 trees per year to cut. Clerk White asked over which funds the purchased equipment would be expensed. Superintendent Lusk stated the stump grinder would be expensed over all funds. Committee members would like to discuss the stump grinder at the next regular board meeting to be held on September 20, 2021.

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Motion was made by Sturm, seconded by Black to adjourn the meeting. All members voted yes.
The meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris White
Village Clerk

Committee approved 6-6-22