

## COMMITTEE REPORT

**COMMITTEE:** Public Works  
**CHAIRPERSON:** Jody Carroll  
**DATE/TIME:** September 22, 2008 7:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:**

Berlage  
 Carroll

Jackson  
 Kent

Lorig  
 Schultz

Others: Steve Keeffer

### MINUTES

#### 1. Citizen's Comments

None

#### 2. Minutes

Dane Jackson made a motion to approve the August 26<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes, Merri Berlage seconded, and the motion carried.

#### 3. Highway Department

##### a. Project Schedule Update.

The committee reviewed a list of current projects, and discussed their progress and status.

##### b. Proposed Elizabeth Storage Building.

An offer was received from Jo Carroll Energy to purchase the Highway Department property. After some discussion, the committee decided to consider funding options for the construction of a new facility before making a decision. Other options and ways of cooperating with Jo Carroll were also talked about.

##### c. Mahoney Road Truck Route.

The committee discussed a proposed 80,000 pound truck route on Mahoney Road from Illinois Route 78 to the Village of Nora. Marvin Schultz has spoken to the Village of Nora and Nora Township about the possibilities. The township has not gotten back as of yet. Steve Keeffer explained the funding options that he is aware of. The committee will continue to discuss this issue.

**d. Salt Price Increase.**

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that the price of deicing salt has increased 300% from last year. The fiscal impact of this increase was discussed and ways to counteract the increase as well. A significant decrease in salt usage appears to be the only option, but the resulting road conditions will not be well received by the traveling public. A public awareness campaign via press releases and newspaper articles was discussed as well as contacting schools, villages, emergency services and the sheriff's department. This will be discussed at future meetings.

**e. Blackjack Road Striping.**

The committee was made aware of recent pavement striping on Blackjack Road. The entire road was striped this year. A complaint has been received about the lack of passing zones. Steve Keeffer explained that typically there is set of plans that the passing zones are determined from, but there are no plans for Blackjack. The other option is to evaluate sight distance in the field to find legitimate passing zones. Steve Keeffer indicated that the Highway Department will find and mark passing zones to be striped next year.

**f. Intersection Lighting.**

The committee considered a request to install street lighting at the intersection of US 20 and Canyon Park Road. Steve Keeffer has pricing information and indicated that it would be a one time fee and then a monthly bill. The committee asked Steve Keeffer to invite the requestor to the next meeting to gather more information.

**4. Other Business**

None

**5. Citizen's Comments**

None

**6. Board Member Concerns**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.