

August 21, 2007

PRESIDENT CHAPMAN CALLED TO ORDER THE WORK STUDY SESSION OF THE SHOREWOOD VILLAGE BOARD.

ROLL CALL

After the Pledge of Allegiance the following answered to Roll Call: Trustees: Dan Anderson, Gary Fitzgerald, Jim McDonald, Celine "Cene" Schwartz, Dan Gron, Lea Stahr and President Richard Chapman. Also present: Administrator Kurt Carroll, Public Works Superintendent Roger Barrowman and Engineer Lou Haussmann.

Discussion of I-55/Route 59 Road Improvements

Mr. Carroll stated this is one project with two parts being West Frontage Road and Seil Road. Representatives from Teng and IDOT will speak regarding the proposed changes for Frontage Road, Seil Road, and the On and Off ramps to Route 59.

Mr. Andrew Lee introduced himself and his associates with Teng Civil Engineering; Ken Macander and Jake Bondhus. Also present Craig Bauer and Rajendra Shah with IDOT. Mr. Yow Kim from Mowcum Engineer was present and gave the history of the project for he was previously employed with IDOT and Teng Civil Engineering during the project history.

Mr. Lee stated there was an addendum to the plans and they wanted to present the addendum to the board. The proposed timeline and changes approved as of today is currently looking at a construction scheduling for June 2008 (see agenda with details provided by Teng). Mr. Bauer stated in the next two to three weeks contractors will begin work on the west Frontage Road improvements. The entire project construction would be a two-construction season. A public hearing was held by IDOT in 2000/01 and took the matters into consideration and therefore this addendum is the proposal. The proposed changes are increasing the elevation at Seil Road and Rt. 59 to 18 feet. IDOT has purchased two homes out right for the project. The Mayor raised the possibility to lower the elevation on Seil Road from 4% to 2% further west due to concern with Heartland's truck traffic and stacking of the trucks. This could cause IDOT to acquire additional right of way, which will throw the project off schedule.

The scope of work on Rt. 59 is a four lane with a center median tied into the interchange with the existing access improved. Mr. Lee spoke and gave recap of original scope. Mr. Carroll stated the sidewalk will be widened along Rt. 59 and will connect to the Shorewood Park bike trail to go back down to Seil Road. Nicor currently has two driveways and it is their desire to keep them both. The north driveway is a right in, right out so they would need both because they are not fully functional driveways. There will be a left turn lane off of Rt. 59 into Nicor. The Humane Society has two driveways and then would only have one driveway. Seil Road is an urban collector road and it will have a 4% increase in grade.

The Mayor feels the homes on the west side of Rt. 59 with driveways believes it is a dangerous situation. With the Rt. 59 improvements has IDOT considered condemnation of those 4-5 homes at fair market value. IDOT cannot condemn property, the homeowner can suggest condemnation but IDOT may not want to take on the additional expense. There is a right-of-

way in that area for a sidewalk not widening of the road. We would need to move our sanitary line. IDOT requested a presentation at a future Village board meeting and they will publish for a public hearing possibly in September.

After IDOT and Teng representatives completed their presentation the board discussed the possibility of an interchange off of I-55 with Joliet to provide access to the Bridge Towne Center Mall.

ADJOURNMENT Trustee Schwartz made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Gron. Roll Call: All in favor and meeting was adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

Toni Dulny
Deputy Clerk