

**HIGHWAY/BUILDING/GROUNDS/
ENVIRONMENTAL/WELFARE/ZONING
COMMITTEE MINUTES**

July 8, 2020

Present: Phil Schneider, Chairman
Charles DeClerck, Dale Livingston, Craig Corzine
Phone In: Mike Havera
Absent: Linda Curtin
Others present: Bill Kennedy, Cliff Frye, Janet DeClerck, Mike Gianasi, and Jan Bland.

The meeting of the Highway/Building/Grounds/Environmental/Welfare/Zoning Committee was called for on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:30 p.m. in the Christian County Courthouse. The purpose of the meeting was County building issues, highway business and any other matters properly brought before the Committee.

UTV NON-HIGHWAY VEHICLE ORDINANCE

States Attorney Mike Havera explained the proposed ordinance for rural roads in the unincorporated areas of the county to be used for UTV non-highway vehicles by the general public use. Currently, UTV usage is only allowed for farm related use. The vehicles would include utility task vehicles, side-by-sides or recreational off-highway vehicles. County highways are not included in the ordinance.

The requirements for driving on the roadways are:

- Must be 16 with a valid driver's license
- Have and be liable for insurance on that vehicle
- The driver cannot be under the influence.
- Driver must have a permit issued by Christian County and display the decal.
- Must obey all traffic laws.
- May not be operated on sidewalks, cemeteries, bike paths or parks.
- May not be operated on highways, streets and roads under jurisdiction of the Illinois Department of Transportation except as allowed.
- The vehicle must have brakes, steering, tires, windshield wiper, horn, rearview mirror, front and rear red reflectors, slow moving emblem, seatbelts and other requirements.

Proposed permit fees:

Annual permit (calendar year) \$100.00 or a three-day permit \$20.00 with verified insurance coverage. A permit and county decal will be issued. The proposed ordinance covers many other details.

During discussion, Engineer Cliff Frye noted that the County could not just pass this it as most of the allowable roadways are under the jurisdiction of the townships. Each township would need to pass an ordinance for this type of vehicle to be allowed on township roads and post 35 mph road signs in traditionally 55 mph roadways at a cost to the townships.

During further discussion and review of the proposed ordinance, several changes were suggested and will be incorporated in the revised proposed ordinance. A motion was made by Phil Schneider and seconded by Craig Corzine to adopt the ordinance with the changes to be made by the States Attorney. A roll call vote polled all ayes: Phil Schneider, Craig Corzine, Charles DeClerck and Dale Livingston and the motion carried.

HIGHWAY UPDATES

Engineer Cliff Frye noted

- the new radio system is being used
- Bridge projects are moving forward
- Bear Creek road is scheduled for resurfacing in the spring
- County highway #1 has ruts and when it rains big puddles remain. They are looking to fill those ruts as preventative maintenance.

BUILDING/GROUNDS UPDATES

Bill Kennedy commented on several repairs:

- The assumed roof leaks at courthouse were determined to be duct work condensation. There is a section that needs to be insulated. A cost of \$676.26 was motioned by Craig Corzine and seconded by Dale Livingston to wrap the existing duct work. The motion carried all ayes in a roll call vote.
- The metal lathes have been installed to contain the falling plaster ceiling.
- The material is now available in bags for the floor leveling experiment in the court reporters room on the third floor.
- *Two Brothers* have been doing brick work at the jail and work on the drain problem.
- Mr. Kennedy recalls that the boiler at the courthouse had a new bottom replaced in 2003 for about \$18,000. He noted that many years ago an insurance inspector came annually to make sure the boiler was safe. When ICIT insurance went out of business, that inspector stopped coming as well. The current carrier ICRMT also has coverage for boilers and inspectors will come at no charge. Bill is in the process to have them look at the boiler, but this is after the fact of the damage. He is unsure of the cost for replacement but needs to be addressed quickly. Money has been budgeted in capital improvement for several years noting the potential replacement or rebuild.
- The fountain sandblasting and repainting has been extended from a reasonable removal and refurbish to a more costly option. Last month a cost to have sandblasting was minimal with the highway staff to remove and relocate. The condition of the fountain and the dismantling was a problem. Mr. Frank Mathon, donor of the fountain was able to find the original company to do the work for about \$4000. He is willing to trailer it to a southern state and pick it back up. Mr. Kennedy felt that we could still get it done locally and possibly replacing some of the iron with aluminum parts and will report back with his findings.
- County Clerk Gianasi is suggesting that a TV be installed in the CB meeting room as telephonic and video meetings continue. He asked Mr. Kennedy what we could do about the acoustics in the room. His response was to install a suspended ceiling and curtains.

With no public comments, Chairman Phil Schneider motioned for the adjournment and was seconded by Charles DeClerck. A roll call vote polled all ayes.

Respectfully submitted,

Phil Schneider, Chairman-
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