

Village of Barrington Hills
Minutes of Insurance Committee meeting of January 26, 2012

Chairman Gianopulos called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM. Roll Call.

Members Present

Skip Gianopulos, Chairman
Fritz Gohl

Other Attendees:

Patty Meroni
Robert Kosin, Director of Administration
Wendi Frisen, Manager of Municipal Services
Amy Nelson, Lundstrom Insurance
Dan Strahan, GHA Inc.

CUBA ROAD BRIDGE REVIEW WITH LUNDSTROM

Chairman Gianopulos reviewed the timeline of events related to the renewal of the Village's insurance policies. The premium related to the Cuba Road Bridge had been increased by a new underwriter with Scottsdale Insurance upon review of a 2010 bridge inspection report. The Village responded to this increased premium by providing additional information regarding the regular maintenance that has taken place on the bridge, as well as an updated inspection report from December or 2011. The inspection report characterized the bridge condition as "poor", and upon submittal to IDOT resulted in a decrease in the sufficiency rating from 52.0 to 36.9.

Ms. Nelson noted that the reduced sufficiency rating may have been taken into consideration when Scottsdale reviewed whether or not to reduce the size of the premium increase. Ms. Nelson confirmed that the premium is an assessment of the risk associated with a potential bridge failure.

Mr. Strahan noted that Scottsdale should be made aware of several characteristics regarding the risk associated with the bridge. First, the Average Daily Traffic (ADT) across the Cuba Road Bridge is approximately 700 vehicles per day; i.e. Cuba Road is a low volume local roadway that receives minimal truck traffic. Secondly, it was noted that the sufficiency rating is not a measure of the structural capacity of the bridge, but rather a means to quantify existing distress types. IDOT reviews each inspection report to determine if there are any safety concerns and when present requires that the road be closed or that a reduced load limit be posted, which has not occurred. It was further noted that the sufficiency rating was lowered at least in part due to the design methodology used for the existing bridge; the concrete plank design utilized had fallen out of favor with IDOT.

After further review of the details associated with the timing of events and the characteristics of Cuba Road, Chairman Gianopulos summarized the action steps to be taken. A letter and report would be prepared by Village staff and provided to Amy Nelson to forward on to Scottsdale, summarizing the relevant facts related to the level of risk of Cuba Road Bridge. Chairman Gianopulos also requested that Ms. Nelson pass on to Scottsdale that the Village desired to work with them, but would pursue other vendors if they did not respond in a satisfactory manner.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:30 PM.

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