

To: Clerk @VBH  
Bob Kosin  
Dan Strahan

## ROADS AND BRIDGES MONTHLY REPORT NOVEMBER 2012

### CUBA ROAD BRIDGE

The required Cuba Road Bridge Report has been approved by IDOT. Dan Strahan has a meeting with IDOT on December 4, 2012 which will lay out what Phase I Engineering has to include, as well as the requirements for a public meeting, notices, etc.

Right of Way and Easement Dedication have been discussed and contacts with residents affected by this will begin within a few months, after several legal issues have been reviewed by Doug Wambach.

### LONGMEADOW PARKWAY

On November 1, 2012 there were 10 residents who attended our meeting at the Village Hall to learn about the scope and timetable of the proposed project by Kane County Transportation. There were numerous questions and concerns raised by these residents who will be directly impacted.

### TRAFFIC COUNTS

The counts have been completed and the data is being compiled. Gewalt Hamilton also installed miovision cameras by the railroad tracks at the Village Hall so we can get an accurate train count.

### 2013 Road and Drainage Program

The Algonquin Township Road Department has not responded to our letter regarding cost sharing for Spring Creek Road and culverts.

Topographic surveys are in progress for the 2013 projects. A drain tile survey is also scheduled to assess drainage issues.

Permits will be required by McHenry County and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to the Spring Creek Bridge as well as 2 or 3 smaller culverts further west on Spring Creek Road.

As stated in last month's report, due to budget limitations, the 2013 Road and Drainage Program will include Spring Creek Road, Hagers Bend road patching and Spring Creek Road and Creekside Lane Culverts.

### 2013 Preliminary Budget

The preliminary budget has been drastically reworked and the scope of the 2013 Road Maintenance reduced to include Spring Creek Road, Hagers Bend Road patching, and Spring Creek Road and Creekside Lane Culverts.

## FOIA REQUESTS

On Thursday, November 8, 2012, I received an email advising me of a FOIA request posted on the village website for the proposed roads and bridges projects/works for 2013, followed by another email on Friday night again alluding to this “mysterious Roads and Bridges Report”.

I forwarded these emails to Mr. Kosin, Doug Wambach and Robert Abboud and instructions to follow correct FOIA protocol in responding to these requests.

I would like to address the questions asked and the allegations of secrecy and refusal to supply information on 374 Ridge Road.

First, the Roads and Bridges Report is the document submitted monthly for the Board of Trustees agenda. Due to the size of our village and our limited budget for roads, the road program is not a “set in stone” document which is projected years in advance, but rather a regularly revised program based on existing conditions, and also unexpected emergencies. Unlike Chicago, Schaumburg, or other larger municipalities, we do not have a book with a prescribed program.

In recent years, since Robert Abboud took over Roads and Bridges, an attempt to evaluate the roads, their condition and then project a planned improvement schedule based on road conditions, traffic counts has been implemented.

While this provides a road map, as it were, to planning for resurfacing, etc., unexpected situations, budgeting constraints, emergencies, it is flexible in the nature to allow for the unexpected. Sometimes, projects are deferred, changed, cancelled, etc.

As to 374 Ridge Road, this was a private project. The village, nor Gewalt Hamilton had anything to do with it, nor was there any village money used for it. The allegations of redirecting storm water flow and other drainage issues are all totally unfounded.

## CIVIL WAR MONUMENT

A thank you to Tom Gooch at Cuba Township Highway Department for supplying and spreading the mulch.

## IAA

Several meetings have occurred with E. Dundee both as BOT meetings and a separate meeting to try and resolve some of the issues.

On Monday, November 19, 2012, IEPA, E. Dundee and IAA had a meeting in Springfield. IEPA has specified its requirements to IAA and we are awaiting a response. Barrington Hills has submitted a list of requirements that we would like to see added to the IAA contract.

At this time negotiations are ongoing and East Dundee postponed a vote scheduled for its November meeting.

Patty Meroni,  
Chair,  
Roads and Bridges