

# YORKVILLE STORM WATER UTILITY COMMISSION

## MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2015

Chairman Steve Nelson called the meeting of the YSWUC to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Chairman Nelson, Town Supervisor Sherry Gruhn, Tom Lauber, John Vyvyan, Neil Buchanan, Jason Christensen, and Al Wilks.

Minutes from the October 27, 2014 meeting were approved on motion by Neil Buchanan, seconded by John Vyvyan and carried.

Progress of the East Branch Canal project was discussed. Shawn Roberts is working on the west side of the canal between KR and Braun road at this time. He is hopeful to get this done and then move to the east side and proceed with the clearing. There are 2 residential properties on this stretch that are still remaining to be cleared. The plan is to finish this area and then move to the Plantamura property by the 23rd of the month and begin clearing the property. Jason Christensen has been in contact with the landowner and has permission to do the clearing within the guidelines she has stated. There was a recent land acquisition of property in the Braun Road area and we will be sending a letter to the landowner to have permission to do the clearing on this property.

It was shared by all commission members that we are anxious to get this project completed and that Shawn Roberts must take the position that this project should be his #1 priority. With colder weather forecasted for the next 8-10 days, this should help in his efforts to get this completed before we start seeing any spring thawing. Once warmer weather starts and the fields start to get muddy, any additional clearing will not be able to get done. The commission has decided to hold off any payment to Shawn Roberts until this project is completed. We are asking our engineer, Jason, to keep working with Shawn to encourage him to keep him moving forward.

Al Wilks attended our meeting to advise this commission of the recent RC Drainage Board new budget. Their budget calls for \$50,000 per year for the next three years to be divided by the Town of Raymond (\$10,000), Village of Union Grove (\$20,000) and the Town of Yorkville (\$20,000) with the first payment due on or before 12/31/15. We will take this budget under consideration and determine how we will be able to fund this request. We currently budget \$8,000 per year for this Drainage District, so we will need to determine how/where/when we will be able to fulfill this request.

It was mentioned that Dave Sands is concerned about some stumps that were left in the canal on his property. Jason will contact him to review his concerns to see if there is anything additional we can do to meet these concerns.

No other business came before the meeting. Our next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19 at 6:00 pm. We will be looking for an update of the project as well as reviewing our budget to see what we can do to about meeting the needs of the Racine County Drainage District budget. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 pm on a motion by John Vyvyan, seconded by Neil Buchanan.

Respectfully submitted, Sherry Gruhn, Secretary