

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR GEORGETOWN TOWNSHIP UTILITIES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD MAY 9, 2016

The meeting was called to order after the Township Board meeting adjourned.

Present: Richard VanderKlok, Jim Wierenga, Ron Villerius, members; Dan Carlton, Township Superintendent
Absent: None

#160509-01 - Minutes of the April 25, 2016 meeting

Moved by Richard VanderKlok, seconded by Ron Villerius, to approve the Utilities Committee minutes as presented.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#160509-02 – Communications, Letters and Reports

[Email](#) from Dawn Noonan-Soutwick with complaint about traffic, trucks and noise on Port Sheldon St.

Dan Carlton, Superintendent, stated that he had investigated the situation with both the **Ottawa County Road Commission** and with the **Ottawa County Sheriff's Department**. He noted that the person who wrote the letter with the complaint was not present in the audience and that he had hoped she would be at the meeting so they could discuss the situation.

Through his investigation Dan Carlton stated that he had found the following:

- 1) The Ottawa County Sheriff's Department checked out the situation and found that there were no violation taking place on the street.
- 2) Port Sheldon is a primary road, running from Chicago Dr. all the way to U.S. 31, and trucks are authorized to use this road.
- 3) Federal funds are used for this road and would be lost if trucks were not allowed to use it.
- 4) This is a problem that is generated by living so close to the street.
- 5) The Ottawa County Road Commission does not create truck routes.
- 6) Their thought is that the road is funded by taxes, including taxes paid by the trucks through gas taxes, and those who pay the taxes should be allowed to use the road.
- 7) Georgetown Township has the authority to designated truck routes and if the Township did designation truck routes, the routes would be on the main roads and not down residential streets.
- 8) Port Sheldon would likely be designated as a truck route because it is a primary road running from Chicago Dr. to U.S. 31.

#160509-03 – Asset Management Program as Proposed by Prein and Newhof

Moved by Jim Wierenga, seconded by Richard VanderKlok, to recommend to the Township Board to approve the Asset Management Program [Agreement](#) as [proposed](#) by Prien and Newhof.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

#160509-04 – Discussion on City View Drain [District](#)

#160509-05 – Discussion on Sidewalk Installation [Policy](#)

The Superintendent presented a list he had drafted of ten possible areas to consider for sidewalk installation. The consensus of the committee was to postpone action for more preparation time.

#160509-06 - Other Business

#160509-07 – Public Comment

Public comments were made.

#160509-08 – Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.