

**Rolling Oaks Road Improvement Hearing
November 10, 2014, 6:30 PM
Prior Lake Fire Department #1 Conference Room**

Call to Order:

Chairman Brent Lawrence called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Members Present:

Chairman Brent Lawrence, Vice Chairman Tom Kraft, Supervisor Leroy Schommer, Supervisor Chris Kostik.

Members Absent:

Supervisor Al Novak

Others Present:

Township Clerk Lisa Quinn, Township Treasurer Sarah LeVoir, Township Engineer Shane Nelson, Township Attorney Bob Ruppe.

Chairman Brent Lawrence opened the Rolling Oaks Road Improvement Hearing. He explained that the purpose of the meeting is to gather resident feedback regarding the Rolling Oaks Circle road reconstruction that is being considered by the Town Board in accordance with the Credit River Township (CIP) 2015 Capital Improvement Plan.

Township Attorney Bob Ruppe explained that this meeting was the first of two required hearings on this project. This is the opportunity for residents to offer feedback on the project costs and details. The Town Board will then decide whether the project will proceed forward. This project will involve a resident assessment, in conjunction with a Township funded portion. The State statute that gives the Township the right to this assessment policy is the "429 Statute."

Engineer Nelson presented a brief project summary. He stated that the Rolling Oaks project has been slated for 2015 in the Township CIP. He presented pictures of the condition of the road and summarized the method of reconstructing the road.

Engineer Nelson stated that the road has been given a price estimate of \$137,500.00 total, and that is contingent on the project being done at this time, with other similar projects. Rolling Oaks as a stand-alone project would be much more expensive, perhaps as much as 25% more. Estimated per benefitting property assessments will be \$11,000 for a full unit assessment, and \$5,500 for a half unit assessment.

Resident Comments:

1. R. Dolan, Rolling Oaks Court.

Resident asked who inspected the road. He feels that the road is in much better shape than the Town Board states, and does not feel that the road needs to be reconstructed. Resident would like a copy of any inspections that have been done on the Road.

Supervisor Schommer and Vice Chair Kraft answered that the culvert is damaged and needs to be replaced, and that the planned reclaim and re-pave is a less expensive alternative than a complete reconstruct.

Resident Dolan then asked if the assessment could be spread out for more than 10 years. Treasurer LeVoir answered that the Township discourages such a policy since they do not want to make the length of the payment period so long that it may run into future maintenance costs for the same road.

2. J. Ryan, Rolling Oaks Court

Resident asked, "Why doesn't the Township budget to pay 100% of the Road Reconstructions?"

Attorney Ruppe answered that it is possible to levy the amount necessary to pay 100% for all the town road maintenance needs. However, the residents would have to vote to adopt such a policy and accept the levy amount in order to fund such a policy. Very few residents, in general, prefer such a policy.

Resident Ryan stated that he did not feel that any work is necessary on his road, and he also wanted to see the Feasibility Report.

Engineer Nelson explained that if the road was allowed to deteriorate further, more extensive work would be necessary, and it would be much more costly, and showed a chart that illustrated this.

Resident asked Clerk to mail a copy of the Feasibility report to him when time permitted. He does not use email or websites. Clerk will mail a copy of the feasibility report to the resident.

There being no other business before the Town Board, at 7:00 PM Supervisor Kostik made a motion to adjourn the Rolling Oaks Improvement Hearing. Supervisor Schommer seconded. Motion passed 4-0. The Rolling Oaks Road Improvement Hearing was closed.

Recorded By: (s/) Lisa Quinn
Township Clerk
Credit River Township

Approved By: (s/) Brent Lawrence
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors
Credit River Township