

Johnson's Island Road Commission

Minutes of Quarterly Meeting
Saturday, August 9, 2008

The meeting was called to order by the president, Mr. Kelty. All members present.

Regular Business:

1. Jim Erickson presented the treasurers report. Copy available upon request. Included was:

2008 Estimated Full Year Income, \$67,912. Estimated Expenses, including road construction, \$73,335. Deficit, \$5,423, to be borrowed from the reserve fund.

Discussion of the 2009 Budget. Commission agreed by vote of 7-0 to request the maximum allowed by the Operating Agreement, which is \$225 per property owner. This would result in estimated 2009 revenue of \$85,500. Ongoing expenses, including repayment of funds borrowed from the sinking fund, are estimated at \$43,689. This will allow for a major improvement project of about \$42,000.

2. Discussion of road reconstruction completed in 2008. No major problems. Has served as a "demo" project for us and island residents. Identified "Easement" issues for drainage to the lake as a primary factor going forward. We are still working out the details of the "Right to Drain" document with Tom Kowalski, and expect this to serve as a model going forward. With drainage being a key to establishing a sound road bed, we will not rebuild any section of road that does not have proper drainage.
3. Tom Kowalski discussed the condition of the patch work done by GetRDone. Many are cracking and breaking up. Contractor has been asked to review the problem. Patches were not guaranteed, due to the poor condition of the base under them.
4. General discussion of the road damage caused by Time Warner installing cables. Settlement due to "jetting" under the road is evident in several places. Rick will work with Frank Lovell to have TW review the damage and make repairs. We do not want to independently perform these repairs, but wish to supervise TW in making the repairs, to avoid any claim that we damaged TW cables.
5. Tom Kowalski discussed signage at the gate. We plan painted lane markers and signs to instruct incoming traffic to wait for outgoing traffic to clear the gate before advancing to the gate. More prominent display of the toll will also be included.
6. It was reported that several speed limit signs, and one stop sign, are missing. This will be investigated.
7. A change of the gate code in the week before Labor Day was announced. The new code will be 5623. Dave Klugman explained that the "pattern" will be easy to remember on the keypad.

8. John Lehlbach discussed mowing/ vegetation control. This will be done on the roads and causeway one more time this summer. An attempt will be made to level rocks behind the causeway guardrail to make closer mowing possible.
9. We plan to seal cracks in the “good” roads to extend their life. No decisions on when or how this work would be done were made.
10. Frank Lovell asked if we could request bonds against road damage caused by construction activity. Discussion indicated that the JIRC does not have any role in the issuance of building permits, and thus has no means to request or enforce a bond. Bruce Libey discussed the Ottawa Co process for issuing building permits. Rick Schultz suggested we discuss issue with Marblehead and Ottawa Co to establish a procedure for including a road damage bond as a requirement for the issuance of a building permit. General consensus that this is the best way to proceed.
11. Gate report by Tom Kowalski. YTD receipts from gate \$11,245.45, which is slightly ahead of last year. Discussion of raising toll to \$3.00, but no action taken.
12. Dave Klugman reported that the new digital recording system at the gate is working. The existing camera resolution may be a limiting factor, but camera aim and focus is still being adjusted.
13. Glenn Beachy reported on work required in 2009 on the causeway bridges. The Richland Engineering study performed last year found no major issues. Sealing and guardrail maintenance work likely in 2009. Navigation light maintenance may also be required. Suggested that \$5,000 be included in the 2009 budget for this work.
14. Several miscellaneous items were discussed, including cracking of existing roads and painting of the structures at the gate. We will investigate.
15. The speed bumps on island roads were discussed. They were installed several years ago in an attempt to control speeds. In our meeting of May 10, 2008, we voted to remove the speed bumps based on the inputs we received at that time. However, additional information from emergency services and police sources caused us to review this decision in our June 7, 2008 meeting, and we voted to defer the removal decision to the August Quarterly meeting so that more input could be received from all sources.

Further inputs from the Chief of Police recognized the presumed benefits of speed bumps in helping to control speeds on roads with varied traffic and no sidewalks. But no specific recommendations were made.

Further, speed bumps can in some cases hinder stabilization and treatment of patients during transport, but again, no specific recommendations were made.

Numerous studies can be found which make the case both for and against speed bumps or “traffic calming” devices. The case against is largely based on the impact on emergency services, and the risk of the bumps causing damage to cars or even accidents. The case for

speed bumps is generally situational, with bumps seen as getting the attention of motorists when unusual traffic patterns, children, pedestrians, etc may present risks not otherwise obvious to motorists.

Input received from island residents has been similarly varied. Therefore, the RC has determined that we must seek guidance from island residents before we can make a decision on the disposition of the speed bumps.

By a vote of 7-0, we have decided to conduct a poll on the speed bump issue. Each island property owner, as defined by the list used to assess road fees, will have one vote in this poll. All RC members have committed to follow the guidance provided by this poll.

We will conduct this poll using post- card ballots mailed to the billing address of each property owner. We will ask two questions: “Yes” or “No” on the question of having speed bumps; and, if the result of the first question is “Yes”, should the bumps be permanent or seasonal.

Ballots will be sent to owners by September 7, 2008, so that they can be returned by September 30, 2008, and counted on or about Oct 3, 2008.

16. A web site, theJIRC.com, is being established so that minutes and other communications can be made available to all island residents. We will post all available information on speed bumps on this site.

There being no other business, Mike Kelty moved to end the meeting. All agreed.

Respectfully,
Glenn Beachy
Secretary, JIRC