

Geri Dominic, _____, Woodridge, addressed the Board. She indicated that the Village held a meeting last Friday, February 27. She stated that she was contacted by Chris Bethel, Director of Public Works, to hold an emergency meeting on the sound wall project. She stated that the wheels seem to be falling off the deal and that she is wondering why. She explained that what was communicated to her at that meeting was different from what was said by Rocco Zucchero with the Toll Authority and John Noak with Judy Biggert's Office. She asked what happened on February 27. She summarized her understanding of the actions that have taken place to date.

Robert L. Mathis, _____ addressed the Board. Mr. Mathis stated that this is the fifth meeting that he has attended since Friday of last week. He stated that when he left the meeting last Friday he was quite dispirited. He stated that he feels as if the ground is shifting under the project. He explained that he has spent some time reflecting on the project and that it appears that all of the options are still on the table for the project. He noted that, at this point, it is just a matter of moving forward. He explained that the only thing that has changed is the price of the wall. He asked that the Village exhaust all options before making a decision not to move forward.

Mr. Mathis indicated that he has worked in government for most of his life and understands how villages operate. He stated that there are still opportunities out there that will let the Village move forward with the project. He asked the Village to communicate with the Toll Authority and establish an agreement. He stated that he heard Rocco Zucchero state that he has a pocket full of money and that he is putting that money on the table regardless of the cost of the project. He stated that Mr. Zucchero indicated that he needs direction from the Village. He urged the Board to give their staff the direction to move forward. He stated that, if financing for the project appears to be falling through, it will be apparent down the road. He asked the Board not to make the decision to stop moving forward. He pointed out that, if the deal falls through now, he and his neighbors may not see the Village as protectors of health and safety. He stated that, if the deal falls through, the only thing that will change is the decibel level of their anger.

Geri Dominic, _____ addressed the Board. She asked the to complete tasks:

1. Submit the grant request for Federal funding of the project.
2. Obtain the plans from Mr. Zucchero and send the project out for bid.
3. Obtain a copy of the contract with Lorig to see if there are cost extensions.
4. Send a letter to Mr. Zucchero to finalize the deal.

She asked that the Village do what they need to in order to make this project happen. She stated that the most this project will cost the Village is one half of \$85,000. She noted that there is no risk in moving forward. She recapped the four (4) action steps that she asked the Village to take. She asked the Village to get past the nonsense and make sound business decisions.

Mayor Murphy thanked Ms. Dominic and Mr. Mathis for their comments. He inquired if there are any other comments.

Tom Mackey, 8272 Middlebury, addressed the Board. He stated that he has been a resident of Woodridge since 1978. He noted that he often goes to the Post Office during the daytime and that he is disappointed in the lack of parking and the disregard for the No Left Turn sign. He encouraged the Board to redesign that parking lot to provide additional parking and to rethink the One Way Street. He also encouraged the Police Department to monitor the area of 75th Street and Woodward Avenue for intoxicated drivers. He noted that it appears that a lot of people are driving long distances to get there. He also noted that when he moved to Woodridge he was aware of the plans for the addition to the roadway that was discussed earlier. He stated that, with every convenience, there comes a price. He explained that he is not opposed to the proposed sound wall, but that he was aware of the plans for the road when he moved to town.

Mayor Murphy thanked Mr. Mackey for his comments. He asked Administrator Perry to address the sound wall issue that was scheduled for the Administrator's Report portion of the meeting.

Administrator Perry explained that the Village is trying to get to a bottom line positive result and that they have had a number of discussions. He clarified a few factual issues and stated that he was not at the meeting held last Friday. He noted that following comments from residents and his staff, he requested that an emergency meeting be held. He noted that after speaking with Mr. Mathis and with his staff, he noticed some differing perspectives as to the commitment and ability for the project to move forward. He noted that this is the reason for the additional meeting and the reason the Village asked one of the residents to help convene an additional meeting. He noted that this meeting was necessary to bring all parties that have made commitments together. He noted that representatives from the Toll Authority, Congresswoman Biggert's Office and IDOT were not able to meet.

Mr. Perry explained that the residents have had a conversation with Mr. Zucchero. He noted that he took time this morning to meet with Ms. Dominic to hear what was represented in that meeting. He noted that he and Mr. Bethel have prepared a letter that confirms the commitment of the Toll Authority to the project. He stated that a copy of this letter has been distributed to Board members. He noted that time is of the essence and requested that the Board provide any feedback that they have by 9:00 a.m. the next day so that the letter can be sent to Mr. Zucchero.

Mr. Perry recapped the information that has been reported to the Board. He stated that, the project that the Village was told would be about \$1.7 million for a wood wall in the engineering study, did not come in at that amount. He stated that the cost of the project has risen to \$2.5 million. He noted that there is also a question on whether wood walls are permitted. He stated that wood is permitted, but only if the Village agrees to maintain the wall. He noted that the Village agreeing to maintain the wall would be contrary to the Board's direction at the November 16, 2006 Board Workshop.

Mr. Perry stated that the Village has prepared a proposal to Congresswoman Biggert's Office. He stated that the Mayor has already communicated to the legislators that represent this area the Village's desire to include a State grant of \$400,000 in the State's Capital Plan. In addition, he stated that the Village has looked to the developer for a contribution of \$362,000. He noted that these amounts would be in addition to the 50% funding of the project by the Toll Authority. He noted that, if all funding is secured, the Village is left with a little more than \$80,000 to fund. He stated that this amount was discussed with the residents and, in accordance with the Board's direction on December 16, 2006, this amount would be shared with the residents in equal proportions. He stated that the Village is working to minimize that amount if at all possible.

Mayor Murphy thanked Administrator Perry for the feedback and asked if there were any questions or comments at this point.

Trustee Brandt indicated his approval of the letter and encouraged staff to send it out the following day.

Mayor Murphy asked for clarification on the comment, "the construction of the sound wall will be included as part of the Tollway contract with Lorig and the Tollway will be responsible for all project management and oversight." He asked for clarification as to why Woodridge would be putting the project out for bid.

Mr. Perry stated that, according to the residents that met with the Tollway Authority, there were two alternatives suggested, one, to accept the Lorig quotation of \$2.5 million or, two, to try and reduce the cost by bidding the project out. He noted that the bid would be time consuming, it could also put the Village in greater jeopardy, and it could also result in a greater cost. He stated that Mr. Zuccherro indicated to residents that the fastest time path with the most certain financial liability and obligation rests with accepting the \$2.5 million. He noted that he would like to proceed based on that assumption.

Mayor Murphy reflected on the meeting on Friday and the discussion from this evening. He stated that Mr. Perry called a meeting together to discuss changes and that this was a good business decision. He noted that bringing parties together and establishing who would take responsibility for what is a good

business decision. He indicated that trying to have a meeting with all parties present is a good business decision. He explained that preparing a letter to confirm statements made by Mr. Zucchero's to residents and not directly to the Village is a good business decision. He stated that, to do anything less, would not be a good business decision.