

MINUTES
CASTLE VALLEY ROADS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16th, 2014 at 9:30 A.M.
CASTLE VALLEY COMMUNITY CENTER
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Present: Merrill Brady, Dave Erley, Greg Halliday, Jason Matz, Mark Simmons

Recorder: Alison Fuller

CALL TO ORDER

Merrill Brady called the meeting to order at 9:26 a.m.

1. Open Public Comment

Halliday stated that the culverts need to be burned out, he needed to burn the weeds out a ½ a dozen times a year.

Brady stated that there is a lot of big debris in front of the culvert at the Castle Creek-Castle Valley Dr. crossing. He had talked to Fire Chief Drake who said he would come down and assist with burning in that area.

2. Approval of Minutes:

***November 18th, 2014 Regular Roads Committee Meeting Minutes**

Erley moved to approve the minutes as presented, Halliday seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

3. Executive Report

Matz stated that he had pricing on deer & speed signs to help with the amount of deer hit by cars.

Halliday stated that it might be good to hang a sign near the mailboxes tracking the number of road kill deer.

Matz stated he priced the snowplow for the backhoe and it seemed cost prohibitive.

Brady talked to some heavy equipment operators who liked the bucket more than the snowplow anyway.

Erley asked what the advantage was over the dump truck with a plow opposed to a diesel 4x4 with a plow.

The group discussed a 4x4 being more agile on the steep grades, & parking areas as well as providing a vehicle for the road department to use to survey the roads. The cons would be additional insurance & maintenance.

Erley stated that he has been uncomfortable with the Road Department needing to drive their own vehicles for road work for some time now.

Matz stated that he is planning a big work week for the town soon.

Erley stated that Matz should watch the weather and if he is under on hours it could be a good thing because a big storm could put him on the plow for 3 days straight.

Matz stated he had power washed the grader and connected some hydraulic lines that were disconnected.

The group discussed maintenance that had been done to the grader and other issues that still need to be resolved.

NEW BUSINESS:

4. Discussion and Possible Action re: Castle Valley Dr. & lot 328 drainage issue.

Erley stated that there are 3 things going on within 400 ft; encroachment on the asphalt, the corner could use some reinforcement, and a 10 ft. by 2 ft. section where the asphalt is broken up.

The Road committee will go look at the area and decide the best fix for the listed problems.

5. Discussion and Possible Action re: Coveralls for the Road Department.

Erley stated that the road department should have coveralls and Matz should get himself a pair.

The group discussed getting some reflective vests as well.

6. Discussion and Possible Action re: Integrating with the Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Erley stated that Matz should make a list of what the Road Department priorities are in general and in emergencies. #1 is to keep Castle Valley Dr. open and then Shafer Lane. It would be good as a Town to spell out their priority list for the community. There may be storms that hit the upper valley and not the lower valley and the Road Department should adapt to such storms.

Halliday reviewed the snow plow route he took and where he chained & unchained the machine.

7. Discussion and Possible Action re: Fencing regarding keeping the cattle out.

The group reviewed the past discussion about putting in a 3 cable movable gate in the flood area where the fencing gets damaged during the flood season that can span the creek.

Halliday stated that there is a lot of rock in that area and perhaps a cable would be a good solution.

The group will look at that area and decide what the best fix would be.

8. Discussion and Possible Action re: East Pope Lane project.

Halliday thought that if the road could be brought up there, the water would run into the culvert.

Simmons stated that the whole Holyoak Ln. drainage is an unsolvable issue in the valley, and that is where the drainage originates. He has dug that area out repeatedly and that is the only reason it still exists. He thought short of removing a lot of dirt off private property there is not a real permanent solution.

Halliday said the phone line is buried on the North side of Pope and is a huge restriction. He said there is not a way for the water to get across Holyoak and thought a culvert or more material would help.

Simmons stated that the intersection of Keogh is another big problem with a difficult solution that would involve private property owners' participation. He stated that the mountain gravel is the best stuff to use for the road side shoulders since it packs much better than the road base and doesn't wash away.

Erley stated that he had good success working with property owners regarding maintaining drainages.

The group discussed the quality of the gravel at the Castleton pit and that it is superior for packing.

9. Discussion and Possible Action re: Update on 4-season emergency access.

Erley stated that he had the new road footprint surveyed. The Fire District, Daystar Academy and the Town own land where the new road will go. There is still some legal work that needs to be done so the Fire District will be able to have a new location to build a new Fire Station in the future when funds are available. After legal work is complete the process can forward with the archeological survey etc.

10. Discussion and Possible Action re: Letter to the Upper 80 property owners.

Erley moved to table Item 10, Halliday seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

11. Discussion and Possible Action re: Roads Committee Meeting Schedule for 2015.

Erley moved to accept the dates as presented with the 3rd Tuesday of each month except for April & July where it will be the 2nd Tuesdays, Halliday seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

11. Discussion and Possible Action re: Rim Shadow culvert project. [Tabled]

12. Road Budget Review

Erley stated that the road budget has spent 30% and are half way through the year so things are looking good because the grader lease has saved a lot of money.

Erley moved to adjourn, Brady seconded, the Motion passed unanimously.

Brady adjourned the meeting at 10:30a.m.

ADJOURNMENT

APPROVED: 
Merill Brady, Roads Committee Chair

ATTESTED:  **2.17.15**
Alison Fuller, Town Clerk