

Infrastructure
March 12, 2009

Committee members present: Tim Haak, Dan Montgomery, Jeff Papa. Other guest: Ken Hedges, County Surveyor, Mike Andreoli, Study Committee Member, Candace Ulmer, Union Township Trustee and Judith Essex, Eagle Township Trustee

All agreed with conclusion of previous meeting that current road inventories should respectively stay with the county in the rural district and the town in the urban district and that these inventories will be adjusted when areas are moved from rural to urban classification every two years. What about new roads? Zionsville should handle the zoning of new roads (new subdivisions in the rural area). Zionsville would handle plan review and approval. The county would submit new roads to INDOT and capture the road inventory revenue. Zionsville would own the Right of Way. The county usually waits until the subdivision is completely built out to submit it.

Usually a new road has a 3-year maintenance bond to cover repairs and problems. An interlocal should provide that the rural area uses Zionsville street standards (including 60 foot vs. 50 foot right of way). Many subdivisions have agreed to provide their own snow plowing, but the county collects tax and is still responsible for maintenance (potholes, etc.)

The first reclassification of rural into urban zoning will occur in 2012. Legal drains will always be under the county. How do we do the subdivisions (Royal Run, Willows, etc.)? There is an assessment per lot (\$50-\$100) to maintain "legal drains" within subdivisions. If they stay legal drains, the Surveyor can still take care of them. If Zionsville wants to take these over, there is no way to have the Surveyor give the funds to Zionsville. Cannot turn legal drain over to the town. If the county gives them to the town (County Drainage Board would have to release them), they are no longer legal drains, and therefore no fees. Zionsville would have to enact a fee.

Either the County Drainage Board will have to continue to oversee this or have Zionsville do it in conjunction with the county and charge a fee. Suggestion is to continue to allow the County Drainage Board to handle this.

Surveyor Hedges works with 6 contractors.

An MOU or interlocal should be worked out with the county on this. Mike Andreoli and Tim Haak will work with Andy Buroker to help construct the agreement.

The next Infrastructure meeting was set for 7 p.m. on April 14, 2009.

Jeff Papa
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