

## MINUTES

The Local and Industrial Improvements Committee of the Roanoke Village Board met on Thursday, August 6, 2015, at 7:00 p.m. at the United Methodist Church in Roanoke. Committee members attending were Chairman Ken Hodel, Mike Smith, and Eldon Witzig. Other board members present were Mayor Kevin Braker, Wayne Blunier, and Curt Leman. Approximately 20 residents of the village were present many who sustained damage from the flood. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the findings of the IDNR (Illinois Department Natural Resources) regarding the flooding that occurred in Roanoke on April 17, 2013 and to get public input on how to reduce the impact of a future flood.

After the meeting was opened Mike Smith introduced the two representatives of the IDNR, Wes Catoor and Bill Milner. Wes gave a short overview of the IDNR, and asked those present to write on a post-it note what their vision of what Roanoke may need or should have in the future to make it a more sustainable community as relating the flood. He also mentioned that there may be private grant money available to communities that can prove a need and provide potential solutions to reduce damages from future floods.

After that Bill presented technical hydrological data regarding size of watershed area that affects Roanoke, areas of the village that are in the flood plain, possible solutions to reduce flooding impacts and other pertinent information. Much of this information was backed up with charts and graphs. Three solutions were offered by the IDNR none able to guarantee that flooding could be totally avoided only damage reduced.

1. Storage- create dry reservoir to store water during high rainfall periods
2. Conveyance-Channel modification to move water out of town faster
3. Mitigation- buyouts of properties in the flood plain and turning it to green space

Much interaction from the attendees followed and it was concluded that the most practical solution would be a combination of conveyance and mitigation. IDNR is going to review the comments and look into the possibilities in improving conveyance in the creek areas leaving the village near the Jumbo, lagoon, and areas beyond. IDNR will continue to help us write a plan and help in seeking grant money to implement the plan. Most in attendance were encouraged that efforts were being made to reduce future flood damage.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Hodel