

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 14, 2008
MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 14, 2008, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Jean Follett, Trustee Thomas Cauley, Trustee Bob Schultz

ABSENT: Trustee Cindy Williams

ALSO PRESENT: David Cook, Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Doug Cooper, Tom Bueser, John Finnell, Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2008

A portion of the minutes from March 10, 2008 was missing from the distribution packet and approval was deferred until the May meeting.

Plat of Re-subdivision – 223 N. Elm and 320 E. Hickory

The Committee considered a request to re-subdivide the properties 223 N. Elm and 320 E. Hickory. Attorney Peter Coules stated that the re-subdivision meets all requirements and both lots will remain conforming. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance Approving and Accepting a Plat of Re-subdivision to Re-subdivide the Properties Commonly Known As 223 N. Elm and 320 E. Hickory, in the Village of Hinsdale, County of DuPage. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Public Services Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Snow and ice removal operations were approximately double the budgeted amount due mainly to overtime and salt costs. Foxford Group has agreed to donate trees that will be transplanted at various public sites throughout the Village.

Beautification Task Force Update

Brian McElwain spoke for the Task Force indicating that their main focus has been the Memorial Building grounds in preparation for the 80th anniversary celebration. The group has prepared several recommendations including the need for a master plan and at this time requests permission to seek bids for that to be completed. Staff indicated that much of the maintenance work could be completed in house prior to the event in July.

Chairman Follett agreed with needing a master plan and suggested trying to have it completed pro bono. Other suggestions included replacing the window wells, installation of the screening wall around the condenser units, reviewing the circle landscaping, working with the Preservation Commission, and including the library and veterans in the discussions. The Committee agreed to proceed with obtaining master plan quotes.

Engineering Monthly Report

Staff reviewed the status of all ongoing capital improvement projects and engineering studies. Staff recommended that the 2009 Road Program include Garfield Street resurfacing between First and 55th along with the required storm sewer separation. Permission was granted to move forward with obtaining engineering proposals.

2008 New Sidewalk Program

Nancy Voss of 801 S. Madison was present to question why only half of the proposed Eighth Street sidewalk was going to be installed at this time. Last summer the Committee voted to install walk between Madison and Vine during the road project, and defer the installation between Grant and Garfield. Staff was directed to add this item to the May agenda for further discussion.

The Committee continued the discussion of proposed new sidewalk on the 600 block of S. Thurlow. Staff prepared a drawing proposing sidewalk installation on the west side of the street. Generally the residents were supportive of the sidewalk but requested that it be placed inside the parkway trees, not on the house side. Staff was directed to make these changes for final decisions to be made in May.

Residents were also present from 635 S. Park and 225 E. Seventh to discuss the proposed sidewalk on Seventh between Park and Elm. A revised alignment in front of the trees at 225 E. Seventh will be reviewed at the next meeting. One resident from Bruner Street was present to support the new sidewalk in that location.

Capital Project Consideration – 400 Block South Washington/Lincoln Alley

The Committee considered a request from residents abutting the alley on the 400 blocks of south Washington and Lincoln to improve the drainage conditions and pave the alley. There has been a history of drainage concerns and the location is noted on the Drainage Concern map. Staff completed the design in house and estimated the cost to be just

under \$90,000 for the drainage improvements and \$50,000 for the paving improvements. As per Village policy, the paving improvements would be funding by the residents. Staff indicated that there is undesignated drainage improvement funding available to complete the work. Staff was directed to work with the residents and obtain quotes for the project.

Light Pollution Presentation

Debra Lazar Pearl made a presentation to the Committee regarding the impact of excessive lighting on the night sky and energy consumption. Suggestions were made to review the code and create more detailed requirements for addressing light cast onto neighboring properties and glare. Chairman Follett recommended that the discussion be brought to the Zoning Code Rewrite Committee for further review.

Alley Drainage and Planting Consideration – 520 W. Ninth Street

The Committee considered a request from the owners of 520 W. Ninth Street to install drain tile and plantings within the public alley right-of-way. Currently drainage from the property impacts the neighbor and there is no storm sewer available to connect to. A drain tile and dry well have been proposed to encroach into the alley since this is where natural grade allows for it. Staff indicated that the alley is unimproved and the encroachments should not have any adverse impact. The Committee granted approval of the plantings with the conditions that staff approves the plant species and a covenant is required to clarify the owner's responsibility should the Village or utility companies complete any work in the alley in the future.

Resolution Extending Participation in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative

The Committee considered a request from staff to maintain its membership in IPBC for an additional three years. Mr. Cook indicated that it would not be beneficial to leave the IPBC since future rate increases would likely outweigh any initial savings. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees Approval of a Resolution Extending the Period of Participation in the Intergovernmental Personnel Benefit Cooperative for a Period of Three Additional Years. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Parking Space and Waiver of Fees Request – Grace Episcopal Church

The Committee considered a request from the Grace Episcopal Church at 108 E. First Street to designate two on street parking spaces for loading and unloading of material during the construction of a new rectory for a period of nine months. This designated area would help reduce conflict with the pre-school children loading and unloading in the existing parking lot. The church also requested a waiver of fees for the parking spaces.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees Approval of the Use of Two Public Parking Spaces located directly in front of the property at 108 E. First Street until February 7, 2009, and the Waiver of Associated Fees. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Elm Tree Inoculation Program

The Committee reviewed the three bids received for the annual elm tree inoculation program for which there is \$155,000 budgeted. The low bidder completed the work last year with favorable results. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of Bid #1434, Elm Tree Inoculation Program, to Landscape Concepts Management in the amount of \$143,600. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Sewer Cleaning, Televising and Root Cutting

The Committee reviewed the seven bids received for the annual sewer cleaning, televising and root cutting program for which there is \$65,000 budgeted. The low bidder has completed Village work in the past with favorable results. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of Bid # 1435, Sewer Cleaning, Televising and Root Cutting to Visu-Sewer of Illinois, LLC in the amount of \$45,100. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Leak Detection Survey

The Committee reviewed the bid received for the annual leak detection survey for which there is \$14,000 budgeted. The low bidder has completed Village work in the past with favorable results. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of Bid #1436, Annual Leak Detection Survey, to M.E. Simpson Co. Inc., in the amount of \$13,600. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Gasoline

The Committee reviewed the four bids received for the purchase and delivery of gasoline. The low bidder has not completed Village work in the past but has favorable references. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of Bid #1433, Gasoline, to Texor Petroleum Company in the bid comparison amount of \$13,568.66. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – Landscape Maintenance

The Committee reviewed the five bids received for the two-year landscape maintenance contract for which there is \$92,000 budgeted annually. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of Bid #1429, Landscape Maintenance, to A&B Landscaping and Tree Service, in the amount of \$173,407 total for the two-year contract. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Rescinding a Plat of Subdivision – 707 S. Lincoln Street

The Committee considered a request to rescind the adopted Resolution R2007-02-02, granting approval for the I.B. Gone Subdivision at 707 S. Lincoln Street. Before the plat was recorded, the property owner requested that staff hold off until discussions with a potential buyer were completed. The property decided to leave the subject property as one lot and requested the original resolution be rescinded. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend that the application referred to the Board of Trustees to Adopt a Resolution Rescinding Subdivision Plat Approval for the Property Located at 707 S. Lincoln Street. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance Authorizing Sale By Auction

The Committee considered a request to participate in the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference vehicle and public works equipment auction to be held on June 14, 2008. Two vehicles are recommended for the auction. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees Approval an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale By Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Cauley moved to adjourn. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer