

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 9, 2008
MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, June 9, 2008, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Tom Bueser, John Finnell, Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2008 & May 12, 2008

Trustee Cauley moved to approve the minutes of March 10, 2008. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried. Trustee Cauley moved to approve the minutes of May 12, 2008. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Public Services Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Mr. Franco stated that action will be taken to better maintain vacant properties. If the property owners do not reimburse the cost a lien would be sought against the property.

Staff was directed to notify adjacent property owners when the insecticide “sevin” is used to protect the newly transplanted trees since not an effective alternative. Trustee Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees the treatment of 13 transplanted spruce trees with the insecticide “sevin” to control the infestation of bagworm. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Pelletier stated that updates of all current projects are listed in the report if there were any questions and suggested moving right to sidewalk discussion.

2008 New Sidewalk Program

A revised sidewalk alignment on Eighth Street was presented to the Committee showing the sidewalk two feet from the back of curb. Staff indicated that trees might be at greater risk due to increased root system coverage. Nancy Voss of 801 S. Madison, spoke for the residents still questioning why the sidewalk would not be built between Grant and Garfield at this time. Chairman Follett stated that only discussion about the alignment would be heard at this meeting.

Trustee Schultz recommended not to revise the alignment approved last summer since there was less impact to trees. Trustee Cauley did not comment on the alignment stating no sidewalk appears to be wanted by the residents. Trustee Williams requested more information regarding the impact to trees. Mr. Pelletier and Mr. Finnell stated that the previous alignment was proposed to minimize the impact to trees as much as possible. Chairman Follett was willing to compromise the trees as long as the residents were aware of the potential damage. Greg Orput of 824 S. Vine spoke in favor of the sidewalk and requested a larger buffer between the street and sidewalk.

A motion to install the sidewalk at the previously approved alignment was made by Trustee Schultz. Trustee Williams seconded. The motion carried.

Combined Sewer Overflow Pollution Prevention and O&M Plan Presentation

Village consultant Jim Huff of Huff and Huff, Inc. made a presentation regarding the combined sewer system and the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency permit requirements. Updated plans for pollution prevention and operation and maintenance have been prepared and will be finalized this month. A notification system must also be in place in the case of a combined sewer overflow event. Several methods of notification are possible, and the Committee recommended the posting of signs along with an email mailing list.

Highland Road residents Bethany Preister, and Lois and Jerry Mejdrieh were present to question the Veeck Park wet weather facility. Staff indicated that the plans being presented were required for the entire system, regardless of the Veeck Park facility. Chairman Follett stated that the Board of Trustees approved the conceptual Veeck Park plans last year.

Mark Willobee of 211 Phillipa suggested a resident workshop for storm water education and outreach to help reduce runoff.

Right-of-Way Vacation Consideration – 950 York Road

The Committee considered a request from the property owner at 950 York Road to vacate portions of Glendale Avenue and Kings Place that are adjacent to their property without compensation to the Village. The item was deferred until a later date since no owner's representative was present.

Street Improvement Consideration – 633 S. Washington Street

The Committee considered a request from the property owner at 633 S. Washington Street to improve the street drainage on Washington between Ulm and Seventh. Trustee Williams requested more information regarding the history of the construction completed there indicating that if the drainage is poor due to our own work it should be corrected. Chairman Follett and Trustee Cauley agreed that it may be a concern, but there were many other high priority areas to address first. Staff was directed to obtain more information and investigate the possibility of cost sharing with the residents.

Sidewalk Removal Request – 234 S. Monroe Street

The Committee considered a request from the owners of 234 S. Monroe Street to remove existing public sidewalk that does not currently connect to anything. The owners indicated that they would be happy with the sidewalk if it were connected, but it has existed this way for about 20 years. Chairman Follett requested to defer the decision until sidewalk policy is discussed again later in the year. The Committee concurred.

Styrofoam Ban Consideration

Kim Daniels made a presentation recommending a reduction in the use of Styrofoam given its impact on the environment. Rather than an ordinance banning the material, a voluntary compliance program could be established through public education and outreach. She believes the increased cost to use different materials would likely be supported by consumers. The Committee recommended education through public service announcements, approaching business owners, and the Village newsletter.

Commonwealth Edison 2007 Annual Report

The Commonwealth Edison annual report was presented to the Board of Trustees on June 3, 2008. There was no further discussion by the Committee.

Award of Bid – Special Service Area #9

The Committee reviewed the quotes received for the drainage improvement project for which there is \$104,700 budgeted. The estimated total project cost including construction and engineering is \$60,000. The low bidder has completed Village work in the past with favorable results. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to waive competitive bidding and Award the Special Service Area #9 project to Premier Landscape Contractors in the amount of \$46,650 plus the cost of the performance bond. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – 400 Block S. Washington/Lincoln Alley Paving

The Committee reviewed the quotes received for the alley paving improvements. 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 to waive competitive bidding and Award Bid #1441, 400 Block S. Washington/Lincoln Alley Paving to Geneva Construction Company in the amount of \$49,195 pending reimbursement from the adjacent property owners in the amount of \$25,252.50. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Award of Bid – 400 Block S. Washington/Lincoln Alley Drainage

The Committee reviewed the quotes received for the alley drainage improvements. This work must be completed concurrently with the paving project. The low bidder has completed Village work in the past with favorable results. Trustee Schultz moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to waive competitive bidding and Award Bid #1442, 400 Block S. Washington/Lincoln Alley Drainage to Swallow Construction Corporation in the amount of \$52,051 pending award of Bid #1441. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Agreement for Professional Services – 2009 Road Program

The Committee reviewed the negotiated price received from SEC Group, Inc. following their selection last month to complete the engineering services for the 2009 Road Program. Staff indicated that the fee is reasonable given the estimated construction cost for the project.

The Committee discussed the 2008 Road Program status for which staff indicated that the current consultant has not been performing adequately. Although there had been changes in scope and other factors not in the consultant's control, their work should not be this delayed. The problems were not anticipated since the prior year's project was completed without issue. Staff was directed to put the firm on notice and set a deadline for completing the work. Staff stated that provisions were included in the 2009 agreement to help prevent similar problems.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to approve an Agreement for Professional Services for the 2009 Road Program with SEC Group, Inc in the amount of \$274,973. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried on a 3-1 vote as Trustee Williams opposed.

Change Order Request – West Hinsdale Station Windbreak

The Committee considered a change order request from MIC Construction for extra work requested by members of the West Suburban Mass Transit District. The proposed change would add one more panel to the structure and the cost was approved to be

reimbursed by the West Suburban Mass Transit District. Staff indicated that this extra panel was not considered originally due to the proximity of the enclosure to the tracks and the potential danger of only having one means of ingress and egress. Given the safety concerns the Committee did not take any action on the change order request.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Schultz moved to adjourn. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer