

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 9, 2007

MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Vic Orlor called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, April 9, 2007, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Vic Orlor, Trustee Jean Follett, and Trustee Cindy Williams

ABSENT: Trustee Laura Johnson

ALSO PRESENT: Coleman Tuggle, Maryann Romanelli, Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Tom Bueser, and John Finnell.

Approval of Minutes – March 22, 2007

Trustee Follett moved to approve the minutes of March 22, 2007 with one spelling correction on page 6. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Mr. Franco indicated that there was nothing extraordinary to report. Chairman Orlor asked who was responsible for J.U.L.I.E. requests. Mr. Franco said that there is a \$1 fee the village pays for every request received, and that village crews perform the locating work required for each request.

Status Report – Leaf Removal Program

Staff was directed to continue to research alternatives to the current leaf removal program. Mr. Franco stated that the landscaper's breakfast held on April 9, 2007 was beneficial and that most companies represented there stated that they already haul leaves offsite. They also stated that if the current program were eliminated, it would be more efficient to haul leaves than it would be to bag them.

Mr. Franco recommended at least three rounds of street sweeping during leaf pick-up season. Conversations with Allied Waste indicated that they would be willing to work with the Village to determine pick-up schedules and pricing if they were used in a new program. Mr. Franco said that the cost using Allied Waste would be about the same as for the current program, but manpower would be available to complete other work. Youth groups may also be available to help assist the elderly if resident qualification criteria are developed.

The Committee stated that the Town Hall Meeting scheduled for Thursday, April 12, 2007 should be an opportunity for brainstorming and to hear all suggestions from those present.

Status Report – Building Fee Schedule

Staff reported that the revised building fee schedule was drafted and in the process of being tested. It is hoped that it will be presented at the ZPS Committee meeting on April 23, 2007.

Status Report – Grading and Drainage

Staff has been working on implementing the new Grading Ordinance, which will become effective starting May 1, 2007. The Landscaper Breakfast held on April 9, 2007 was successful in educating the contractors present about the intent of the ordinance and how it will be enforced. Chairman Orler indicated that most of the feedback received during the breakfast was regarding enforcement and permit turnaround time with the current staff levels. A preferred partner program may be beneficial to help contractors that do extensive work in the Village obtain permits more quickly while in turn provide information to staff regarding violations. Mr. Pelletier stated that this would require a complex

qualification process to ensure that contractors do not take advantage of the program.

New Sidewalk Discussion

Staff requested direction regarding what locations should be considered for this year's new sidewalk installation projects. Staff recommended staying in one general area that also is associated with the Road Program projects along 8th Street between Garfield Street and Madison Street, and along Grant Street from 57th Street to 8th Street. The segment previously discussed along Chicago Avenue between Oak Street and Princeton Road would also be included. Maryann Romanelli suggested that the segment on the west side of Madison Street north of 55th Street also be completed. The Committee agreed with these areas and directed staff to determine what can be built within the \$155,000 budget.

Staff also sought direction about how to handle trees and other landscape features in the public right-of-way that interfere with the installation of new sidewalk. Trustee Follett stated that it is important to save trees whenever possible, and that the Village Forester should be consulted to determine the best course of action. Other privately installed features may have to be removed to keep the sidewalks practical and safe locations. Chairman Orlor stated that it is important to remain firm about installing sidewalk in the locations designated by the master network.

Staff was directed to give updates on the sidewalk projects at the upcoming Committee meetings and to include updates for all construction projects on the website.

Parkway Tree Removal Request

Staff received a request to remove and replant two parkway trees at 136 N. Monroe Street. The Village Forester inspected the trees and concurred with the poor assessment. The EPS Committee acting as the Tree Board granted the request on the condition that staff approves the species to be replanted.

Award of Bids – Grounds Maintenance

The Committee reviewed the two bids received for grounds maintenance for which \$103,500 is budgeted. Trustee Follett moved to recommend the award of Bid 1411, Grounds Maintenance, to Spring Green Lawn Care in the amount of \$41,580. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Follett moved to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer