

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JULY 9, 2007
MEMORIAL HALL

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

PRESENT: Trustee Cindy Williams, Trustee Thomas Cauley, Trustee Bob Schultz

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: David Cook, Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Tom Bueser

Approval of Minutes – June 11, 2007

A portion of the minutes from July 11, 2007 was missing from the distribution packet and approval was deferred until the August meeting.

AT&T Project Lightspeed Presentation

Valerie Bruggeman, AT&T's Director of External Affairs was in attendance to provide information about AT&T Project Lightspeed. Legislation was recently passed allowing for the project to move forward. Their goal is to provide faster speeds, a wider network, bundled services and IP based video services. They hope to have the system online in the first quarter of 2008. A total of 19 cabinets along with electric feeds are proposed for installation during the first two phases of the project, 9-14 during phase one. There will not be any need to modify the infrastructure already existing at each household.

The Committee's main concern is regarding the placement and screening of the required cabinets. Ms. Bruggeman indicated that AT&T would work with staff to determine the best placement and screening options for each installation, as well as for maintenance of any installed screening. Trustee Schultz suggested that the locations be marked in the field and residents notified prior to the installation.

2007 Road Program

Staff was directed to investigate the storm sewer system on Eighth Street. Stormwater Masterplan consultant Clark-Dietz indicated that a new storm sewer should be installed between Garfield Street and Madison Street to address sewer separation issues and help alleviate localized flooding. Since the Stormwater Masterplan is expected to be

completed by the end of the year, Mr. Pelletier requested that the entire 2007 Road Program should be delayed until the spring such that the Eighth Street and Washington Street portions of the project can be properly designed for any storm sewer improvements. This delay would also be beneficial for bidding purposes since costs are generally lower when the project is bid early in the year, and it allows for the project to be completed during one construction season. Staff was directed to complete the design for bidding in the spring.

New Sidewalk Update

Chairman Follett recapped the discussions from the previous Committee meetings reiterating that new sidewalk locations and construction timing have been based on the sidewalk network of critical links, the 2025 public survey, and coordination with road projects.

Several residents were in attendance to voice concerns asking why Eighth Street sidewalk is a priority over other streets without sidewalk. Issues of property values and removal of mature landscaping were also raised. Requests were made to work with the Beautification Committee. Opponents present that spoke out included William Mehuron of 803 S. Clay Street, Bob Maney of 24 E. Eighth Street, Charles and Mary Ann Landefeld of 6 E. Eighth Street, Mary Angelo of 525 E. Third Street, Bob Pyzdrowski of 124 W. Eighth Street, Nancy Voss of 801 S. Madison Street, Bill Carmichael of 808 S. Garfield Street, Mary Bugai of 802 S. Clay Street, and Ann Corvino of 804 S. Lincoln Street.

Trustee Williams stated that not all voices are being heard, only those in opposition that attend the meetings. The whole Village should be considered when determining locations, not just those that are impacted. She concluded that information promised at the last EPS Committee meeting should still be made available before taking final action.

Staff was directed to revise the sidewalk location to further avoid any mature landscape features and to repaint it in the field. Chairman Follett indicated that a future public meeting might be held regarding prioritization of the sidewalk network critical links.

Trustee Williams moved to defer any action regarding installation of the Eighth Street sidewalk until the August 14, 2007 EPS Committee meeting. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Alley Improvement Request

Staff received a request at the May 14th meeting to improve the alley drainage and surface between Quincy and Bruner, south of Chicago. Property owners were informed that the cost of the paving operations must be at their expense, and the Village would evaluate the cost of drainage improvements for possible participation. Staff was directed at the June meeting to obtain an engineering consultant to complete the survey and design work. James J. Benes and Associates has been retained and have been working on the project. Detailed plans and cost estimate are expected to be presented at the August EPS meeting.

Localized Drainage Solutions Program – Special Service Areas

Chairman Follett updated the Committee on the status of the four proposed special service areas, of which only one was approved. No further projects will be proposed until the Stormwater Masterplan is completed later in the year. She also stated that the Finance Commission is currently working on an infrastructure plan that should account for all public infrastructure projects.

Joe and Anna Marie Bensfield of 402 Briargate Terrace appreciated the efforts made, but stated the SSA project did not have much chance to survive. Don and Lisa Sweet of 814 The Pines still would like help resolving their drainage issue by the fall. Staff was directed to meet with the Sweets to discuss potential options.

Change Order Request – Seton Engineering

The Committee considered a request for Seton Engineering to change their professional services contract to include construction layout services for the Chestnut Street parking lot. The original contract included only construction inspection services. Trustee Cauley moved to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the Chestnut Street Parking Lot Professional Services in the amount of \$6,250.00. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Change Order Request – Tully Brothers Pavement Restoration

The Committee considered a request for Tully Brothers Pavement Restoration to change their contract to modify the fare collection box to match the box previously installed at the Highlands Station at the request of the Police Department. Trustee Williams moved to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the Chestnut Street Parking Lot in the amount of \$1,782.00. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Request for Temporary Safety Fence – 222 E. Fourth Street

The Committee considered a request for temporary safety fence to be installed at 222 E. Fourth Street, to remain in place until the structure is approved for demolition. The Johannesens were present to state the site has become a gathering place for children and has recently been broken into.

Mr. Cook stated that fence is required for demolition, but since this would be temporary, a special use permit is required. Attorney Mark Daniel suggested that this should be brought to the Zoning Board of Appeals. Chairman Follett stated that since the case is currently pending she recommended voting for no action such that the full Board may hear the discussion with the Village Attorney present.

Trustee Williams moved to Defer the Request for a Temporary Use Permit to the Village Board with No Recommendation. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Mr. Franco indicated that there were no extraordinary activities to report.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Williams moved to adjourn. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer