

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2007
MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, October 15, 2007, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Bob Schultz

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

Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2007

A portion of the minutes from September 10, 2007 was missing from the distribution packet and approval was deferred until the November meeting.

Public Services Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Mr. Franco indicated the revised leaf program has worked well so far.

Chairman Follett inquired about the illegal sump pump discharge map. Mr. Franco said locations were still be added as they are found, but the map will be available shortly.

Engineering Monthly Report

Staff reviewed the status of all ongoing capital improvement projects and engineering studies.

The Committee asked when the Woodlands residents would be able to review and comment on the proposed drainage and paving alternatives being prepared by Earth Tech. Attorney Bill Seith, who is also on the Drainage and Woodlands Improvements Taskforce requested that the Taskforce review the alternatives first. The Committee concurred and requested a mailer be sent to all residents indicating the date of the next Taskforce meeting, as well as when a public meeting could be held for their input.

Parkway Planting Consideration – Tree Removal Request

The Committee considered a request for parkway tree removal at 710 S. County Line Road. Staff stated that there is precedence for this type of tree removal. Trustee Cauley moved to allow removal of the parkway tree at 710 S. County Line Road. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Parkway Planting Consideration – Line of Sight Restrictions

Staff has been working with the homeowners at 741 W. North Street to rectify sight obstruction and horizontal sight distance violations at the northeast corner of Bruner Street and North Street. Homeowner Jeanne DeRaimo was present to discuss these violations and questioned why other properties have not been cited. Chairman Follett and Mr. Franco explained that violations are addressed case by case, and near miss accident locations receive priority. Mr. Franco stated that the Forester would meet with the residents to inspect the parkway and assist the homeowner in compliance.

Combined Sewer Overflow Presentation – Huff & Huff and Clark Dietz

James Huff of Huff & Huff and Greg Kacvinsky and Chuck Johnson of Clark Dietz were present to discuss the preliminary recommendations for improving the combined sewer system. An overview of the existing system along with an explanation of the terms of the permit with IEPA was given. The consultants are proposing a one million gallon holding tank located in the northeast corner of Veeck Park be installed to act as a new combined sewer overflow and reduce the rate of flow into the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) sewer system. This, in conjunction with the long-term sewer separation plan, will be required as part of the permit.

Final reports are expected soon and discussions with FCWRD will follow. The construction project should be awarded in May to ensure construction is completed in time in accordance with the permit. One season of athletics will be lost at Veeck Park during the construction period.

Award of Bid – 814 The Pines Drainage Project

Last month the Committee considered a request from Don and Lisa Sweet of 814 The Pines to proceed with assisting in the installation of storm sewer into their low-lying yard. Staff was directed to obtain a quote to complete this work that totaled \$14,500. The 20% Village share would be \$2,900. \$9,280 has already been collected from the residents and the remaining \$2,320 should arrive soon.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of The Pines Drainage Project to Riccio Construction Corporation in the amount of \$14,500 pending reimbursement from the adjacent property owners in the amount of \$11,600. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Capital Project Consideration – New Sidewalk Program

Last month the Board awarded the New Sidewalk Program, including the 700 block of South Monroe. Considerable discussion continued to take place regarding the slope of the sidewalk at each of the driveway locations. Several residents were present to voice their opinions including Tom Heimsoth, Tom Coady, Rich Juvinal, and Kathy Hanley. The Committee and residents concurred that sidewalk is important but compromise should be made to not effect the slope already steep driveways.

Staff was directed to proceed with the project and not to impact driveway slopes. Discussion with each property owner should determine whether or not the sidewalk abuts the driveway or cuts through. The tree scheduled to be removed at 741 S. Monroe should be saved.

Permission to Seek Bids – Replacement of 1999 Backhoe

The Committee considered a request from staff to obtain bids to replace a 1999 tractor with backhoe attachment and concrete breaker. The request was granted.

Resolution Approving Funding of the Ogden Avenue Watermain Improvements

The Committee considered a resolution approving funding of the Ogden Avenue Watermain Improvements as required by an Agreement with the State of Illinois. The Board approved the agreement last month. Staff stated that the apparent high cost of the project is due to the amount of work required to install both the new main and also the service connections that need to cross Ogden Avenue. This will also eliminate the need for Ogden Avenue road closures in the future due to the old main needing repairs often.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve a Resolution for Approving Funding of the Ogden Avenue Watermain Improvements per “Exhibit B” of an Agreement with the State of Illinois. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Fee Waiver Request – 522 W. Hickory Permit Renewal

The Committee considered a request from the homeowner at 522 W. Hickory to waive fees required to extend the length of an expired permit due to perceived lack of oversight by the Village during the initial construction of six fireplaces ten years ago. Staff stated that fireplace inspections were not done in the past and are not required as one of the formal inspections set forth in the International Building Code.

Trustee Cauley stated that fee waivers should not be granted unless there is justification or proof of the Village misleading someone. Chairman Follett said that the permit renewal fee was of little cost compared to the amount of remodeling.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees denial of a waiver of fees for the permit extension required to complete work at 522 W. Hickory. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Street Closure Request – Washington Square Retirement Community

The Committee considered a request from Washington Square Retirement Community to close Washington Street between Maple and Chicago to accommodate for the annual “Scarecrows ‘Round The Square” event.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees approval of the request from Washington Square allowing a street closure of Washington Street between Maple and Chicago Ave. on Saturday, October 27th, from 12:00 noon until 4:30 pm to accommodate events related to the annual “Scarecrows ‘Round the Square”. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Cauley moved to adjourn. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer