

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2007
MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, November 12, 2007, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: Trustee Thomas Cauley

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

Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2007 & October 15, 2007

Trustee Schultz moved to approve the minutes of September 10 and October 15, 2007. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

Public Services Monthly Report

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Water consumption is still high and may have been due to leaks recently found and repaired along with large amounts of new privately installed landscaping being watered.

Mr. Franco indicated the revised leaf program is still working well and has provided a cost savings by allowing staff to work on Washington Street Plaza, Veeck Skate Park, and irrigation system shutdowns that would typically have been outsourced.

The annual Integrated Pest Management review will be scheduled for the January 14, 2008 EPS meeting.

Engineering Monthly Report

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

The Committee considered a request from the property owner at 340 E. Eighth Street to be removed from Special Service Area #9. Staff indicated that this would be a lengthy legal process to reestablish a new SSA, and that it would be difficult to pass since the remaining property owners would have to contribute a much higher percentage of the cost. The Committee recommended that the project should proceed as currently approved. Staff was directed to arrange a meeting with the property owner to discuss this decision.

Plat of Consolidation – 940 & 934 Cleveland Road

The Committee considered a request to consolidate 940 Cleveland Road into 934 Cleveland Road. Staff indicated that all zoning requirements would be met. Trustee Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve a Plat of Consolidation that consolidates 940 Cleveland Road into 934 Cleveland Road. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Stormwater Masterplan Presentation – Clark Dietz

Greg Kacvinsky of Clark Dietz was present to discuss the preliminary recommendations of the Stormwater Masterplan. An overview of the existing concerns along with an explanation of how the problems have developed over time was given. The plan recommended several capital improvement projects to be constructed over the next 12 years in order to alleviate localized flooding concerns and come into compliance with the combined sewer overflow permit issued by the IEPA. Early action projects to be built in largely conjunction with the road program over the next 5 years constituted about \$5 million. Phase 2 consisted of necessary sewer separation projects that do not fall within the current road program and would cost about \$3 million prior to 2020. Phase 3, or nuisance flooding areas including some rear yards, would cost about \$8 million to be completed as the budget allowed.

Final reports are expected in the near future and staff will be evaluating the implementation of the plan with the road program over the next several years.

Parkway Landscape – 642 S. Elm Street

Staff received a request to remove several parkway trees and change the parkway grade to enhance the landscape conditions at 642. Elm Street. Bradley Barz of Premier Landscape Contractors was present to discuss the proposed improvements. Replacement parkway trees would be planted in accordance with Village policy.

The Committee requested that sidewalk be installed along this stretch concurrently with the landscape work since it is on the Sidewalk Masterplan and it would eliminate potential conflicts in the future. Staff was directed to add the new sidewalk to the current 2007 New Sidewalk Program contract and complete the work at this time.

Award of Bid – Business District Plantings

The Committee considered a request to retain Douglas-Hoerr as the landscape designer for the Business District planting areas for the upcoming fiscal year. The Beautification Taskforce requested that staff assist them in other upcoming projects instead of the Business District planting beds.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees that landscape architect Douglas-Hoerr maintain Business District plantings for the 2008 fiscal year in the amount of \$19,745.00. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce Request – Downtown Snow Removal

The Committee considered a request from the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce to remove snow in front of CBD stores in the event of a 2-inch snowfall. Staff obtained two very similar quotes for the service. An estimated \$16,000 would be required to complete the service. Food and Beverage Tax Receipts would fund the unbudgeted expense. The Committee requested that this be approved only for a one-year trial to be reevaluated for next season.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to waive competitive bidding for this service in 2007-08 winter season, and award a snow removal contract to Fuller's Service Center in the amount of \$1,600 per two-inch snow removal for the areas requested by the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce.

Parking Space Request – 18 W. First Street

The Committee considered a request for the utilization of three public parking spaces located directly across from 18 W. First Street so the applicant can accommodate contractor vehicles and equipment during a remodeling project that is expected to be completed by March of 2008. The fee would be \$10 a day per parking space.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees approval of the use of three public parking spaces located directly across from property located at 18 W. First Street until March 1, 2008. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Ordinance – Flood Control Regulations, Side Yard Slopes

The Committee considered a request to amend Title 12 of the Village Code to include maximum side yard cross slopes to assist in controlling storm water runoff. The language was in the Village Code previously, but was inadvertently left out when the DuPage County Countywide Stormwater and Flood Plain Ordinance was adopted last year.

Trustee Schultz moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve an Ordinance amending Title 12 (Flood Control Regulations), Chapter 1 (General Regulations), by adopting a new Section 12-1-6 (Ground Area Slope in Required Side Yards) of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

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 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer