

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2008**  
**MEMORIAL HALL**

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, January 14, 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: David Cook, Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Tim Bleuher, Tom Bueser, John Finnell, Dan Hopkins

**Approval of Minutes – December 10, 2007**

Trustee Cauley moved to approve the minutes of December 10, 2007. 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 more enforcement of site maintenance at vacant homes is necessary to assist in leaf collection program. The Committee requested that the senior leaf removal program be sent out for bids in July. Three rounds of downtown snow removal have been completed successfully.

**Woodands Project Presentation – Drainage and Woodlands Improvements Task Force**

Mr. Pelletier presented the recommendations of the Drainage and Woodlands Improvements Task Force to the Committee along with consultant Jay Kessen from Earth Tech. Several Task Force members were present to voice support of the project. Staff was directed to post the presentation on the Village website.

**Engineering Monthly Report**

Staff reviewed the status of all ongoing capital improvement projects and engineering studies. Staff raised the question regarding asphalt versus concrete streets for Chestnut

and Eighth Streets in the 2008 Road Program. Staff was directed to gather long term cost comparison data for the different materials. Letters were sent to all properties involved in the 2008 New Sidewalk Program to provide advanced notice and begin coordination of the layout.

### **Integrated Pest Management Annual Report**

The Committee reviewed the annual Integrated Pest Management report prepared by Village Horticulturist Dan Hopkins. The report details the activities taken in the previous year and proposed in the coming year regarding grounds maintenance, tree preservation and mosquito abatement. Staff will be investigating new products such as corn gluten meal and biosolids. Grounds maintenance contracts for mowing, seeding, aeration and fertilizing will continue. No changes to the tree preservation and mosquito abatement programs were proposed. The Committee requested that mosquito spraying be conducted prior to the July 4<sup>th</sup> activities.

Ruta Jensen requested that more educational material about alternatives to using chemicals be researched and made available to residents. She also requested establishment of a pesticide free park which staff is evaluating. Additional regulations to reduce soil compaction and loss of topsoil during single-family construction activities will also be examined.

Trustee Schultz moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to Award approval of the Integrated Pest Management annual report. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried

### **Capital Project Considerations - 402 Briargate Terrace**

The Committee considered a request to replace the water main at 402 Briargate Terrace that is in poor condition. The property owner is preparing to complete work that includes a new garage and also a driveway that would be installed over the main. Staff is concerned about additional stress on the old main that could create more breaks. Quotes were received last summer that would need to be updated for current costs. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to Award the water main replacement at 402 Briargate to Riccio Construction, Inc. pending the amount of the updated quote. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried

The Committee also considered a request to assist in the rear yard drainage concern at 402 Briargate Terrace. A special service area was proposed last year but was not approved. The property owners completed the installation of new storm sewer on their own and have requested reimbursement of 20% of the cost, which is comparable to other private property drainage projects. Trustee Schultz moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees Reimbursement of 20% of the 402 Briargate drainage project to Joe Bensfield in the amount of \$2,320.00. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

Lastly the Committee considered a request to restore landscaping disturbed during a water main break that occurred December 24, 2006. The Committee did not approve the

request since the Village's insurance company did not approve the claim. Anna Marie Bensfield was present and questioned why a similar issue at 224 N. County Line Road was fully covered by the Village. Staff was directed to investigate that claim.

### **Change Order Request – 2007 New Sidewalk Program Alternate Bid**

The Committee considered a change order request from A&R Cement, Inc. for additional construction services required to complete the 2007 Sidewalk Program. The work included additional grading to eliminate some retaining walls and remobilization to replace sidewalk installed at 723 S. Monroe Street. The change order requested \$6,000, but since other quantities for the contract were not necessary the total project cost increase would only be \$744.20 over the original bid price.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the 2007 New Sidewalk Program Alternate Bid in the amount of \$744.20. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

### **Award of Bid – Tractor Backhoe/Loader**

The Committee reviewed the three bids received to replace a tractor backhoe/loader for which there is \$65,000 budgeted. The low bidder was not able to comply with the specifications and the second lowest bidder remained under budget.

Trustee Schultz moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award for the tractor backhoe/loader to McCann Equipment in the amount of \$58,931. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

### **Permit Fee Waiver Request – Hinsdale Public Library**

The Committee considered a request from the Hinsdale Public Library to waive permit renewal fees for the 90-day extension required to complete the work. Trustee Schultz moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees a Waiver of Fees related to a 90-day permit renewal for the Hinsdale Public Library located at 20 E. Maple Street. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

### **Plat of Consolidation – 5549 and 5553 S. Elm Street**

The Committee considered a request to consolidate 5549 and 5553 S. Elm Street. Staff indicated that the consolidation would not eliminate the non-conforming lot, but would make the situation better. All other zoning requirements would be met by the consolidation. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees to approve a Plat of Consolidation that consolidates 5549 and 5553 S. Elm Street. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Cauley moved to adjourn. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier  
Village Engineer