

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE**  
**ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008**  
**MEMORIAL HALL**

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 10, 2008, 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, John Finnell, Dan Hopkins, Mike Kelly

**Approval of Minutes – February 11, 2008**

Trustee Cauley moved to approve the minutes of February 11, 2008. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

**2008 New Sidewalk Program**

The Committee continued the discussion of proposed new sidewalk on the 600 block of S. Thurlow, and Seventh Street between Madison and Stough. Chairman Follett recommended that the sidewalk on Seventh Street only be installed on the south side between Adams and Bodin at Dietz Park at this time. She also stated that the policy and procedure for implementing the sidewalk master plan should be reevaluated.

The following residents were present in opposition of the new sidewalk on Seventh Street: Neale and Nickie Byrnes of 716 W. Seventh, Marin Strtak of 720 W. Seventh, Joe Chrastka of 544 W. Seventh, Sue and Mike Chakos of 645 S. Monroe, and Debbie Carmazzi of 702 S. Thurlow. They also requested that the Seventh street portion be formally eliminated from the master plan map and they stated the Sidewalk Master Plan had been amended in the past to remove sidewalks that were proposed on the original master plan. The residents also reiterated their concern that a sidewalk down Seventh Street would encourage children to walk down Seventh to Madison where they would face the danger of crossing a busy street. Moreover a sidewalk down the south side of Seventh Street would create an additional safety hazard wherein children would have to cross to the north side of Seventh Street to get to the crosswalk across Madison.

The Committee approved moving forward with sidewalk installation only at Dietz Park and is on record with the following statements. The decision to install sidewalk at Dietz Park was not related to choosing the south side for future consideration, only for connecting the existing sidewalks on either side of the park. Trustee Williams is not in favor of sidewalk installation on the south side of Seventh Street due to the fact that when children reached the corner of Seventh and Madison they would have to cross to the north side of Seventh to reach the crosswalk across Madison. Trustee Cauley does not believe the sidewalk on Seventh Street is necessary on either side of the street due to concerns about effects on property value and whether the sidewalk is even needed and the tight budget makes the decision against installation easier. Furthermore, Trustee Cauley sympathized with residents who would have this sidewalk issue hanging over their heads unless it was removed from the master plan. Chairman Follett still believes that there are reasons to install sidewalk on Seventh Street but agrees that budget issues are more critical elsewhere at this time. The Committee will not be revising the sidewalk master plan map at this time but will be reviewing it and how it is implemented.

Residents in favor of the Thurlow Street sidewalk were also present and were told that the west side design will be presented at the April EPS meeting along with the other shorter segments of proposed new sidewalk.

### **Public Services Monthly Report**

The Committee reviewed the activities of the Public Services Department in the last month. Senate Bill 2120 proposes shifting authority of tree planting under overhead wires to utility companies and is not recommended by staff. Chairman Follett suggested including the Arboretum and local State Representatives as opponents to the Bill.

Chairman Follett recommended that a policy for establishing and maintaining the ice rink be established for next winter.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Staff reviewed the status of all ongoing capital improvement projects and engineering studies. Changes to the 2008 Road Program were recommended to meet the available budget. The approved program will include construction on Eighth Street between Madison and Garfield, Vine Street between Hinsdale and Sixth, and Second Street between Grant and Vine. Chestnut Street and Washington Street segments will be postponed.

Staff recommended adding a smaller resurfacing project to address segments of streets most impaired by the extreme winter weather. Approximately \$300,000 is available for this work. Staff was directed to move forward with obtaining quotes.

### **Ordinance Amending Section 4-2-12 of the Village Code**

The Committee considered a request from staff to revise the local smoking ordinance to comply with the new smoke free air regulation. Trustee Williams moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance Deleting Section 4-1-12 of the Village Code of Hinsdale and Adopting a New Section 4-2-12 Regarding Smoke Free Air Regulations. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

### **Ordinance Amending Section 3-2-5 of the Village Code**

The Committee considered a request from staff to revise the municipal teleconferencing tax. Trustee Cauley moved to recommend that the Board of Trustees approve an Ordinance Deleting Section 3-2-5 of the Village Code of Hinsdale and Adopting a New Section 3-2-5 Regarding the Municipal Telecommunications Tax. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

### **Parkway Planting Consideration – 707 S. Park Avenue**

The Committee considered a request from the owners of 707 S. Park Avenue, Ronald and Kathy Oldenkamp, to install plantings within the public right-of-way. Staff raised concern about the species type, future maintenance responsibility, and conflict with potential future work in the parkway. The Committee discussed establishing an unwanted precedent but decided that cases would be determined individually as they were presented. The Committee granted approval of the plantings with the condition that a covenant be required to clarify the owner's responsibility should the Village complete any work in the parkway in the future.

### **2008-2009 Budget Review**

The Committee reviewed the 2008-2009 budget and discussed possible programs to be reduced or eliminated to balance the budget. No official recommendations were made as the Committee determined that the final cuts should be discussed at the Board of Trustees level.

### **Award of Bid – Downtown Landscaping**

The Committee reviewed the six bids received to install the downtown plantings for which there is \$135,000 budgeted. The bid was significantly lower than the budgeted amount since staff has decided to complete its own regular maintenance and watering. The low bidder has good previous experience and was recommended by staff.

Trustee Williams moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of the Downtown Landscaping to The T.L.C. Group in the amount of \$58,265.13. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried.

**Award of Bid – Fire Sprinkler System**

The Committee reviewed the two bids received to install a fire sprinkler system in the basement of the Police/Fire Building for which there is \$50,000 budgeted. The work will bring the building into compliance with the Life Safety Code.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees Award of the Fire Sprinkler System in the Basement of the Police/Fire Building to C.L. Doucette in the amount of \$47,600. Trustee Williams seconded. Motion carried.

**Change Order Request – 2006 Road Program**

The Committee considered a change order request from Triggs Construction, Inc. for extra work completed due to conditions encountered in the field during construction. The project was completed and was 8.6% above the bid price.

Trustee Cauley moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the 2006 Road Program in the amount of \$64,925.63. 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 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier  
Village Engineer