

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 12, 2008
MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Jean Follett called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:30 p.m., Monday, May 12, 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: Shaun Pelletier, George Franco, Tom Bueser, John Finnell, Dan Hopkins

Approval of Minutes – March 10, 2008 & April 14, 2008

The minutes from March 10, 2008 were deferred until the June meeting to review additional notes regarding sidewalk discussion. Trustee Cauley moved to approve the minutes of April 14, 2008 pending one typo revision. 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 watering restrictions are in effect on May 15. The Committee directed staff to follow up with AT&T regarding matching the color of the old cabinets to the new ones, and ensure landscaping is completed by June 1.

Engineering Monthly Report

Staff reviewed the status of all ongoing capital improvement projects and engineering studies. Based upon a weighted rating system staff recommended negotiating a contract SEC Group, Inc. for the 2009 Road Program professional services. The Committee concurred.

2008 New Sidewalk Program

The Committee continued the discussion of proposed new sidewalk on the 600 block of S. Thurlow. Staff prepared a revised drawing proposing sidewalk installation on the west side of the street between the curb and trees. There was no opposition to the revised alignment and it was approved.

A revised alignment in front of the trees at 225 E. Seventh was also prepared and approved. The property owner also requested that the sidewalk not cut through the brick driveway. The Committee granted the request.

The Committee stated that they did not want to reevaluate the installation of sidewalk on Eighth Street since the facts would not change. Several residents including Nancy Voss of 801 S. Madison, Bill Mehuron of 803 S. Clay, Marth Arima of 302 W. Eighth, and Dawn Zolpe of 414 W. Eighth were present to question why only half of the proposed Eighth Street sidewalk was going to be installed at this time. Last summer the Committee voted to install walk between Madison and Vine during the road project, and defer the installation between Grant and Garfield. The residents do not believe there was adequate discussion regarding this change prior to the vote.

A motion to uphold last year's vote was made by Trustee Schultz. Trustee Williams seconded. Trustee Cauley does not believe the money should be spent if there is no public support. Trustee Schultz is in favor of installing at the west end now due to Madison School, Community House and Robbins Park access, and revisit the east end in the near future. Trustee Williams stated that the benefit is not just for adjacent properties but the whole community. Chairman Follett stated that the decision should be made by the full Board. Staff was directed to meet with residents to discuss sidewalk alignment prior to the next EPS meeting. The motion was withdrawn.

Chairman Follett opened the discussion of sidewalk policy and whether it should be changed. Trustee Williams was in favor of completing the network, but the network should be reviewed based on input from schools and experts. Petitioned walks should have a higher percentage in support. Neale Byrnes recommended using criteria such as traffic, pedestrian volume, terrain, demand, cost and rate of return to prioritize the network. A matrix system is used in Downers Grove to prioritize locations, but Trustee Williams does not believe this has enough public involvement. Trustee Cauley believes sidewalk should only be installed in response to a petition unless overriding public benefit is proven using criteria. Trustee Schultz is in favor of installing all network sidewalks. Chairman Follett requested discussing policy with the full Board.

Right-of-Way Vacation Consideration – 950 York Road

The Committee considered a request from the property owner at 950 York Road to vacate portions of Glendale Avenue and Kings Place that are adjacent to their property without compensation to the Village. The land has been used as part of their parking lot since

construction in the late 70s. Old minutes clearly discuss vacating those rights-of-way along with a portion of Garfield Street, but only Garfield was completed. The reason for this is not clear. Staff was directed to further investigate before making a final decision. Trustee Schultz requested that any legal fees to record a vacation, if approved, be at the property owner's expense. The item was deferred until the June meeting.

Right-of-Way Planting Consideration – 723 W. North Street

The Committee considered a request from the owners of 723 W. North Street to install plantings within the public right-of-way. The Committee granted approval of the plantings with the conditions that staff approves the plant species and a covenant is required to clarify the owner's responsibility should any work be required in the parkway. The owner also requested two parkway pine trees be relocated. Staff said that may be possible as long as they were relocated to another public location.

Permission to Seek Bids – Radio Telemetry Upgrade

The Committee considered a request from staff to upgrade the water standpipe telemetry system to ensure high quality service, decrease losses due to service interruptions, and increase water plant security. Trustee Williams moved to approve the request. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

Permission to Seek Bids – Leaf Removal Program

The Committee considered a request from staff to review the contract terms of the senior citizen and homeowner leaf removal program. In particular, direction regarding proving senior hardship and whether or not the contractor should be allowed to dump at the Public Services yard was needed. The Committee wishes to continue senior relief to those with hardship on the honor system. Chairman Follett said only the senior relief program should be bid, while Trustee Williams said both the senior relief and homeowner removal should be bid. Trustee Schultz recommended alternate bids for senior rates, regular rates, hauling to yard, and hauling to a dump. A revised bid package will be reviewed at the June meeting.

Change Order Request – South Washington Street Watermain

The Committee considered a change order request from Klein Construction Services, Inc. for extra work completed due to conditions encountered in the field during construction. Trustee Williams moved to recommend approval to the Board of Trustees to Approve a Resolution Approving Certain Contract Change Order for the South Washington Street Watermain Replacement in the amount of \$532.00. Trustee Schultz seconded. Motion carried.

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Schultz moved to adjourn. Trustee Cauley seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shaun S. Pelletier
Village Engineer