

# VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

## ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, MAY 10, 2010

### MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M., Monday May 10, 2010, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga, Trustee Kim Angelo, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; George Franco, Director of Public Services; David Cook, Village Manager; Robert McGinnis, Building Commissioner and Director of Community Development; Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist.

#### **Approval of Minutes – April 12, 2010**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 12, 2010 meeting. Changes to the minutes were addressed. Trustee Geoga motioned for approval of the April 12, 2010 minutes as corrected. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco discussed the highlights of the Public Services monthly report. He stated the department was beginning to fill the pool and that the Village was celebrating 18-years as of Tree City, USA.

Trustee Saigh asked if the irrigation systems referenced on page 2 which were reported to have RPZs, back-flow preventers, were Village or private systems. Mr. Franco indicated that the report addressed the Village systems only.

Mr. Franco reported the water restrictions season will be from May 15 to September 15. The Village is required by agreement with the DuPage Water Commission to implement these water restrictions. Chairman LaPlaca clarified that the water restrictions are being implemented primarily to maintain water pressure to fight fires and, to a lesser extent, for environmental purposes. Mr. Franco agreed with this assessment. Mr. Cook added that, in order to accept Lake Michigan water, every municipality must implement similar conservation measures.

Mr. Franco reported that the Village has obtained 24 shrubs and 33 ornamental shade trees for free from the DuPage Forest Preserve. These will be planted in public playgrounds and parkways. Chairman LaPlaca noted that the cost of transporting the plants was \$2000. The cost of purchasing similar plants would be \$18,000 for a cost savings of \$16,000 to the Village.

Mr. Franco noted that the granite wall on the north side of the parking lot in Burlington Park is getting hit by vehicles. BNSF will be removing the poles and lines in the park within the next six months. This may give us an opportunity to expand this parking lot and rebuild this wall under next year's budget. Chairman LaPlaca asked if we could impose on BNSF to revise the parking lot and granite wall. And, is BNSF doing anything to aggravate the situation? Mr. Franco stated that BNSF was not aggravating the situation. A general discussion took place over opportunities for additional parking and other issues. The staff will investigate the issue and provide the committee with some alternatives and cost estimates later in the year.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Prior to the engineering report, Chairman LaPlaca noted that the trustees and staff had been contacted by a resident concerning a chlorine smell. The resident was concerned that this was originating from the Wet Weather Facility. After investigating the situation, it was determined that the smell was noticed in south and east portions of the Village – areas that were not downwind of the Facility. Additionally, no leak or chlorine-related operations had occurred at the Facility. Therefore, while the origin of the leak remains unknown, we have determined that it was a temporary and that it did not come from the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility.

### **Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Update**

Mr. Chester Kochan, the Village's engineering consultant responsible for construction observation at the Veeck Park Facility, updated the Committee on the status of the construction at Veeck Park. Trustee Geoga asked if any overflow events had occurred in May. Mr. Deeter responded that there were no events in May to date. Trustee Geoga then inquired whether the pipe clearing working being done by Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District is helping to reduce the overflows within the Village. Mr. Deeter felt that The District's efforts to clean their sewers and increase the capacity of those sewers helps to reduce overflows within the Village. The trustees asked further questions concerning the operations of the Facility and the data presented.

Trustee Geoga asked about the status of the Third & Princeton Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO). Mr. Deeter discussed the time table for its progress. Construction of the CSO could begin in late summer 2010.

## **Road Programs Update**

Mr. Scott Creech, the Village's engineering consultant responsible for construction observation, reported on the status of Garfield Street project. Swallow Construction is currently installing the storm sewer on Garfield. Mr. Creech explained the addition of a conflict manhole. A discussion took place concerning the costs and funding of the manhole. Mr. Deeter explained the status of the leaking underground storage tanks in the vicinity of First and Garfield. A discussion took place about the status and impacts of the leaking underground storage tanks. A resident in the vicinity of the Union Church asked about the need for further testing on her property. Any testing that the Village conducts will be made available on the Village website. Trustee Saigh noted that the staff was monitoring the contractor's efforts to save and store the antique bricks exposed during the excavation on the Garfield Street project. A discussion took place about the brick preservation operations.

Chairman LaPlaca provided an overview of the 2010 resurfacing and patching programs. The Village has added approximately 0.6-miles of roads to the resurfacing program as alternates. The Public Services Department will use its new equipment to provide larger street patches throughout the Village. The goal is to improve the maximum number of streets addressed by the end of the summer. A general discussion took place on the streets to be repaired and other issues.

Mr. Cook provided information regarding recent loans and grants for the Oak Street Bridge replacement project. The Village has secured a 60/40 grant from the Illinois Commerce Commission to the maximum amount of \$12,000,000. The Illinois Department of Transportation will provide funding for 80% of the Phase 1 Engineering and contingent funding for the Phase 2 Engineering, Construction, and Construction Observation. The Village has secured funds for other sources and will continue to apply for funds with the goal of not having to use Village funds for this project. Trustee Geoga questioned Mr. Cook about the nature and long term availability of these funds. Chairman LaPlaca noted that the first step in this process was a feasibility study and preliminary engineering study which included a great amount of public input.

## **Façade repairs to Continental Classic Motors, Inc. 420 East Ogden Avenue**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. Mr. Rob McGinnis explained the safety issue requiring the façade repairs. Mr. Doug Capocci, Senior Project Manager of LaMantia Construction addressed the committee concerning the building improvements identified. Continental Motors was looking for an indication that the Village would support their application for a permit to conduct these repairs which would be issued conditionally to the approval of the planned unit development and site exterior appearance review. A general discussion took place concerning the repairs

and the approval process. The committee was unanimously supportive of the approach as proposed by Continental Motors.

**To Approve “a Temporary Use for a Dry Cleaner” at 722-728 N. York Road.**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. A general discussion took place concerning the dry cleaning operations, as well as the temporary and permanent solutions to the zoning issue and other issues. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve a temporary use for a dry cleaner without a plant at 722-728 N. York Road for a period from 5/20 through 11/20. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a “Text Amendment to Title 7 of the Village Code of Hinsdale as it Relates to Commercial Use of Sidewalk Space”.**

Trustee Geoga provided background information on this agenda item. A general discussion took place concerning the spacing requirements under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the opportunities for outdoor dining this will create for local restaurants. Trustee Saigh motioned to recommend to the Board of Trustees adoption of an Ordinance Amending Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties), Chapter 1 (Streets and Sidewalks), Section 7-1-5.1 (Commercial Use of Sidewalk Space) of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Request from Joel Kennedy Construction to Change the Early Start Time of the Clarendon Hills Sewer Improvements Project from 8:00 to 7:00 AM.**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. Mr. Joel Kennedy, President of Joel Kennedy Construction, addressed the committee concerning the nature of the construction, impact on the residents, and benefits to the Village. The committee asked questions of Mr. Kennedy for clarification. A general discussion took place concerning the construction and the impact on the residents. Since the directional drilling construction method practiced by Joel Kennedy Construction will have a much lower level of noise than “standard” construction methods, the committee was willing to recommend approval of the earlier start time for the directional drilling operations only. Trustee Angelo motioned to approve a request from Joel Kennedy Construction to change the early start time of the Clarendon Hills Sewer Improvements Project, as it relates to directional drilling only, from 8:00 to 7:00 AM, subject to revocation at anytime. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award Bid # 1472 (IDOT Sec. No. 10-00000-00 GM), the 50/50 sidewalk program, to D'Land Construction in the amount of \$61,837.80.**

Mr. Deeter provided background information on this agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned To Award Bid # 1472 (IDOT Sec. No. 10-00000-00 GM), the 50/50 sidewalk program, to D'Land Construction in the amount of \$61,837.80. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Hinsdale and the County of DuPage, Illinois for the Implementation of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program.**

Mr. Deeter provided background information on this agenda item as well as the following, related agenda item. A general discussion took place concerning the IDDE program options and the impacts on the Village. Trustee Saigh motioned To Approve an Ordinance Approving an Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Village of Hinsdale and the County of DuPage, Illinois for the Implementation of the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve an Ordinance Adding a New Article I (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) to Chapter 4 (Waterworks and Sewerage System), Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties) of the Village Code of Hinsdale.**

Trustee Angelo motioned To Approve an Ordinance Adding a New Article I (Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination) to Chapter 4 (Waterworks and Sewerage System), Title 7 (Public Ways and Properties) of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale.**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. Chairman LaPlaca noted that these were old vehicles which were in disrepair that the Village does not need anymore. Mr. Franco agreed with that assessment. Trustee Geoga motioned to recommend approval to Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the 2010 Resurfacing Project Engineering Services Contract Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$ 3,815.00 to SEC Group, Inc. An HR Green Company.**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. Trustee Angelo motioned To Approve a Resolution for the 2010 Resurfacing Project Engineering Services Contract Change Order Number 1 in the amount of \$ 3,815.00 to SEC Group, Inc. An HR Green Company. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cook noted that these bids would be brought to the Village Board on June 1, 2010.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:35 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer

Trustee Saigh asked if the telephone poles are in a right of way or if BNSF has an easement with the Village. Mr. Cook responded that the Village leases most of that land from the rail road. Trustee Geoga asked if another row of angled parking could be added. Mr. Franco answered that since the park was being used for more summer events, this would be an opportunity to provide more parking. Trustee Angelo expressed concern that additional parking would remove green space from the park. Mr. Franco responded that previous events have not used the grass area close to the parking lot. Trustee Saigh asked if the wall is topped with both granite and pre-cast concrete. Mr. Franco felt that the top of the wall was entirely granite.