

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MAY 09, 2011**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 4:10 P.M., Monday May 09, 2011, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga (by telephone),
Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist,

Approval of Minutes – April 11, 2011

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 11, 2011 meeting. Trustee Saigh noted a correction to the minutes. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the April 11, 2011 minutes. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the water restrictions for the period between May 15th through September 15th.

Mr. John O'Halloran of Commonwealth Edison (ComEd) reviewed the ComEd 2010 Annual Report. Chairman LaPlaca requested assurance from ComEd that parkway damage resulting from storage of utility poles would be undertaken by ComEd. Mr. O'Halloran assured the Committee that it would be. Mr. O'Halloran noted that, excluding the major storm in July, the average frequency and duration of outages were on a downward trend. The trustees asked questions about the report. Chairman LaPlaca asked about the most recent outage in March 2011 that raised the issue of excessive noise created by residents' back-up generators. Mr. O'Halloran stated that during this (and every) outage ComEd restored the power as soon as possible and addressed the cause of the outage. The committee concluded that due to the decreasing trend in the number of outages and duration of the outages, it was not necessary for the committee to address further regulation of back-up generators. Dave Cook asked why the outages for the Graue Mill incident in June did not reflect the actual length of the outages. Mr. O'Halloran noted that once the cause of an outage is determined the "ticket" on it is pulled and the outage duration ceases to run. Chairman LaPlaca suggested that this policy allows ComEd to skew its outage duration reports in their

favor. Mr. Franco also discussed ComEd's policy and procedures concerning street light outages with Mr. O'Halloran.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced the agenda item concerning staff's request to remove the cottonwood trees on public property at the community pool. Mr. Franco provided background information. As directed by the committee during the April meeting, Mr. Finnell provided information concerning comments from the adjacent property owners. Chairman LaPlaca noted that it was the committee's intent to give the same thoughtful consideration to staff's requests for tree removal as they do with the residents' requests. The committee discussed the issue. Chairman LaPlaca proposed a motion to remove the northern tree since it had "significant structural issues" and maintain the southern tree. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced the "Volcano Mulching Around Trees" agenda item. Mr. Finnell provided additional comments on the issue. Staff is providing more information to residents concerning the adverse impact of "volcano mulching" around the base of trees as the first step in their efforts to eliminate the practice in Hinsdale. The committee discussed the issue and asked questions of Mr. Finnell.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter highlighted activities at the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility, Oak Street Bridge, 2011 Resurfacing Project, Chestnut Street Project, 50/50 sidewalk program, Woodlands Infrastructure Improvements, and 2012 construction projects. Chairman LaPlaca noted that coordination with Woodlands residents will begin after the Village receives the engineer's estimate at the end of May

To Approve an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village Of Hinsdale. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:18 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer