

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2012**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:34 P.M., Monday June 11, 2012, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga, Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Bob Saigh

**ABSENT:** None

**ALSO PRESENT:** George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Arborist; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – May 14, 2012**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 14, 2012 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the May 14, 2012 minutes. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the status of the Public Service Department. The department continues to conduct grinding and patching of road surfaces throughout the Village. A resident of the 5500 block of S. Washington has again contacted staff concerning a sidewalk for that block. He will address the committee at a future meeting. Eighty-five trees have been planted in public areas this spring. Two different LED lights have been installed in street lamps south of the Memorial Hall for trustee and public comment.

**Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter updated the committee on the status of Veeck Park restoration, Oak Street Bridge replacement, the Chestnut Street Project, 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, Woodlands Phase 1, and the 2013 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects.

**Resident Request to Create a Cul-de-Sac on Lansing Street.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. She asked for Trustee comments prior to public comments. Trustee Geoga stated that, in general, cul-de-sac's were not likely to be approved for two reasons. First, traffic issues in the Village are a "zero sum game". If there is sufficient traffic on a street to justify a cul-de-sac, then the "problem" traffic is shifted to neighboring streets when the cul-de-sac is built. This results in no net improvement in traffic for the village. If there is little traffic on the street, then there is no justification for a cul-de-sac. The second reason is the expense of cul-de-sacs. Cul-de-sacs are

generally more costly than through streets. As stated previously, this additional cost provides no net benefit for the Village as a whole. Further, the funds used for the cul-de-sac reduce the funds available for planned future construction. Trustee Saigh stated that he did not feel that cul-de-sacs were compatible with the traffic flow provided by the road grid historically established in Hinsdale. The grid is the most effective way of moving traffic – both pedestrian and vehicular – in and around the Village.

Dr. John Bulger, 11 Lansing Street addressed the committee. He felt that the narrowness of the street/right-of-way and lack of sidewalks on Lansing Street posed a safety issue for children on the street. To reduce traffic on the street, he was requesting that a cul-de-sac is constructed at the east end of the street. He presented a petition to the committee from the neighbors on Lansing Street and in the surrounding blocks. Mr. David Weber, 543 N. Lincoln addressed the committee that he did not feel the vehicular threat to children on Lansing was sufficient to justify a cul-de-sac. Mr. Deeter explained staff's opinion concerning cul-de-sac's. That is, for ingress and egress of emergency vehicles, it is preferable to have a 50-foot radius turn-around area at the end of the cul-de-sac. The demolition, paving, utility removal and replacement, landscaping, etc. required to construct the turnaround is estimated to add about \$95,000 to the cost of the 2012 Reconstruction project in progress. This cost did not include the taking of private property north and south of Lansing to accommodate this turnaround. Chairman LaPlaca noted that this cost exceeded the project's budget and would result in funds being taken away from future projects in the Infrastructure Master Plan. After discussing the issue and listening to staff and resident comments on the issue, the committee was unanimous in not approving a cul-de-sac on Lansing Street. Chairman LaPlaca asked staff to work with Dr. Bulger to address his concerns about traffic on the street.

**To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way Situated West and Adjoining 640 S. Thurlow Street at a Purchase Price of \$8,500.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve the Request from PirTano Construction Company, Inc. to Change the 2012 Resurfacing Project's Daily Start Time from 8:00 Am to 7:00 AM.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Since these requests are frequently made, Chairman LaPlaca asked committee members to consider whether a change in procedures or the ordinance may be appropriate. Mr. Deeter and Mr. Joe Pantano of PirTano Construction address the committee and answered their questions. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the 2012 50/50 Sidewalk Program Bid (IDOT Sec. No. 12-00000-01-GM) to D'Land Construction in the Amount Not TO Exceed \$74,310.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided further information and

answered the committee's questions. Trustee Haarlow motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for the Construction Observation of the Woodlands Phase 1 Green Infrastructure Improvement Project to HR Green, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$223,376.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter and Mr. Scott Creech of HR Green provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve "A Resolution Approving and Accepting A Plat of Consolidation To Consolidate The Properties Commonly Known as 308 and 316 E. Sixth Street in the Village of Hinsdale, County of DuPage".** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. After a brief discussion, Trustee Haarlow motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Haarlow moved to adjourn. Trustee Saigh seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer