

Public Works Committee Meeting
February 19th, 2015
Minutes

Called to Order: @ 4:02 p.m. by Trustee Harold Barry

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Trustee Harold Barry, Trustee Sue Senicka, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Jim Addington, Village Manager Steve May, Communications Director Larry McIntyre, Finance Director Spencer Parker, Acting Director of Public Works Mike Ramsey, Fire Chief Dave Weiss, Police Chief Tom Mulhearn, Building Commissioner Nick Weinert, Public Works Supervisor Noriel Noriega, Public Works Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Public Works Foreman Jon Yeater, Public Works Foreman Jim Cates, Clerk Jinny Szymiski (4:12), Trustee Bob Scott (4:35)

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: 10/29/14 - Motion by Trustee Jim Addington for approval, seconded by Trustee Sue Senicka.

Unfinished Business:

1. None

New Business:

- A. Staff is compiling the list of streets for resurfacing on the 2015 MFT spring resurfacing contract. PW Director Ramsey stated approximately 25,000 linear feet of street will be resurfaced totalling the amount of 1.8 million dollars. The bond will allow for 8.5 million dollars to be spent over a three year span. It was noted that Warwick Ave. and Wilmette Ave. will have a scratch resurfacing performed. Manager May discussed the various streets that are under the green study. Foreman Yeater stated the hotpatching machine has been going out regularly to fill potholes canvassing the entire Village. Trustee Addington questioned if a traffic study has been done to calculate the amount of traffic on the more worn streets. PW Director Ramsey reminded the committee as the streets are being resurfaced, the storm sewers are being repaired by the Street Division.
- B. PW Director Ramsey and Foreman Yeater updated staff on the blizzard that passed through. The Village has used all budgeted funds for salt and will need 45,000 more dollars. This purchase order will be on the agenda for approval this board meeting. PW Director Ramsey has informed staff the Village will be purchasing salt through Dupage County next year and order less from CMS by the state. It is the Village's understanding that the county will store and deliver the salt.

Reports:

Street Division:

1. Foreman Yeater updated the committee on the priority list for streets to be plowed. He reminded the committee that cul-de-sacs and alleys are the lowest priority and main thoroughfares and school areas are top priority. When performing snow removal, all snow was taken to 63rd street by the golf course.
2. An update on tree removals was given with 644 trees removed this past fiscal year with 244 of those removals performed in house. All budgeted funds have been spent. With budgeted funds, 436 trees were planted over the two planting seasons. The cost share program has decreased with more trees being planted.

Chairperson Harold Barry:

1. Reminded all the stormwater utility referendum is upcoming. Communications Director McIntyre informed the committee there will be multiple meetings for information purposes. The library will be hosting an event on the 21st of this month and the Village Hall will have a meeting on the 26th. Trustee Senicka discussed the areas of Mayslake and the League of Women voters.

Village Manager Steve May:

1. Manager May updated the committee on current changes in staff. Mike Ramsey is still Acting Director of Public Works. Two senior staff, PW Supervisor Bob Vath and Maintenance Worker II Larry Fossi will be retiring this year from the Street Department. PW Supervisor Noriega will be learning Street Division duties in the interim. Nick Weinert has been hired as the new Building Commissioner based out of Village Hall.
2. There have been street light issues in Carlton Court. Meade Electric is aware of the issues and has been notified.
3. The Beninford Detention Basin has been maintained by the Village and waiting for the appraisal from the bank to purchase this piece of land.
4. A drainage issue has arisen at Williams and Naperville Rd. When the road is to be resurfaced, public works will do a basin drop in this area to help alleviate the flooding. PW Director Ramsey stated the materials will be purchased now and when the weather breaks, this project can begin.

Water Division:

1. The Williams St. and Cumnor water main project is near completion with restoration occurring when the dirt fields open up.
2. The property at 121 W. Ogden has picked up permits and construction will begin for the watermain extension this spring.
3. There have been 7 water main breaks since January with the problem spot along E. Richmond being a concentrated area. Also, there was one water service freeze in a vacant building with the cold weather.
4. The Adopt-A-Hydrant program has 36 participants so far with 13 flags requested. Fire Chief Weiss stated he may be able to get a mass purchase of flags to target a majority of fire hydrants.
5. WaterCon 2015 is taking place March 22nd to March 26th this year. Hydrant Hysteria is a newer event this year and Westmont will be competing in multiple events. A reminder to the

committee the ACE 2016 world event will take place in Chicago. PW Director Ramsey also stated he is still teaching classes for those who would like to get their licensure for plant operation.

Engineering:

1. PW Supervisor Noriega updated the construction projects that are ongoing. The paving project is about 99% complete with restoration occurring in the spring. The 2015 MFT Spring Resurfacing will be let out for bid on March 15th. Cumnor Rd green engineering is about 90% complete with a bid going out in late March. Trustee Barry asked about the alley construction project and that is in the first phase of engineering. The crosswalk project is still on hold as well as brick maintenance. These items will be discussed in budget conversations. St. Joseph Streambank Project will be moving forward with a pre construction meeting scheduled the week of March 4th. The Jamestown basin repair is about 90% complete with engineering and will be going to bid on March 4th.

Facilities:

1. The Westmont Centre will be having a tenet change with Senator Nybo moving out a and Representative Bellock moving in. There will be a vacant office with no immediate move in.
2. The two properties on Warwick will be taken down by KLF on Monday. There is a well at 417 Warwick that needs to be cut and capped.

Fleet:

1. PW Supervisor Viscuso reminded the Committee that Lukasz Michalski started on January 5th as a mechanic and has been working out very well.
2. Water Division will have their utility truck soon
3. Reminded the committee of the status of the 2 firetrucks
4. Fleet Division is currently installing in car cameras in PW vehicles.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:14 p.m. by Trustee Addington, seconded by Trustee Barker.