Public Works Committee Meeting
July 9th, 2015
Minutes

Called to Order: @4:33 p.m. by Trustee Harold Barry

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Clerk Ginny Szymski, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Steve Nero, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Village Manager Steve May, Finance Director Spencer Parker, Community Development Director Jill Ziegler, Chief of Police Tom Mulhearn, Fire Chief David Weiss, Engineer Kim Nicoll, Acting Public Works Director Mike Ramsey, Public Works Forester Jon Yeater, Public Works Foreman Jim Cates, Public Works Supervisor Noriel Noriega.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes were not included from the 4/30/15 meeting. Minutes will be approved at next meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. St. Joseph's Creek Stabilization project is about 75% complete. There have been minor issues behind 305 Fernwood Ct. with tree removals and the project line. There are concerns of property loss but there will be future restoration.
2. Jamestown Stormwater Detention Project is on the board agenda for the engineering agreement with Strand and also the bid proposal from Copenhaver for the construction of the project. The project is coming in about 12% over original engineer's estimate. Change orders will come through that will increase the project cost.

New Business:

1. Public Works Director Ramsey is working on research for engineering firms to move forward with the Stormwater Infrastructure plan. Projects will be put in order by priority to move forward.

Reports:

Chairperson:

1. Nothing at this time.

Public Works Director:

1. There was a resident requesting a stop sign at Wilmette and Irving. The police department collected data regarding the intersection and the data showed that this area did not meet the criteria for placement of the stop sign. Warwick and Wilmette did have speed signs up to slow traffic down. Trustee Barker made mention of sight lines coming out of alleys. These entrances can be monitored and signage can be put up.

2. There was concern with a parking issue at 740 Burr Oak on the east side of the street. There are signs installed but the business owner is requesting larger signs and pavement markings. When vehicles park in this area, deliveries are difficult into the building. It was decided to start with better signage.

Street Division:

1. Safe Step is done with the sidewalk grinding from Naperville Rd to 55th on Cass Ave., completing over 1000 linear feet and fixing 189 total trip hazards.
2. Staff has been working on sewers for the 2015 Fall MFT project. Most basins have been replaced. Trustee Barry had concerns over the sewers near the junior high that have been incomplete for over one year. These sewers pose a safety hazard for the children in the area. PW Director Ramsey explained the weather played a role last fall and the repair was going to be completed in the summer when school is out. This may be a possible weekend project.
3. Alley trimming is occurring by part time staff
4. The tree removal count for the year so far is at 158 removals. There have been talks with the Tree Consortium for a co-op to see if this has happened in the past. This would be for private property.
5. The Village of Westmont will have been a member of Tree City USA for 20 years in 2016.
6. Oakwood subdivision is experiencing an insect invasion with the Honey Locust trees. These trees will be treated and should solve this issue.
7. Storm water issues have been minimal with the amount of rain that occurred in June.

Water Division:

1. The property at 180 E. Ogden has the main connection setup. The general contractor need to run the line. The county has approved the permit and the owner will complete the restoration.
2. The Park St. and West End water main project is moving along. The services on N. Park are done and the main has been abandoned. The restoration will begin on Monday. West End will be getting services completed and the old main will be abandoned early next week.

Resident Speaker:

1. A resident who resides on Fernwood Ct. discussed with the committee his concerns over the work being performed for the St. Joseph's Creek Streambank Stabilization Project. He voiced his concerns regarding property loss, tree loss, and restoration.

Engineering Division:

1. The 2015 Spring MFT project is about 85% complete with only Burlington Ave. left to be completed.
2. The 2015 Fall MFT project was awarded to Central Blacktop and work should begin on July 20th.
3. Cumnor Rd will be worked on by RW Dunteman to begin tentatively July 13th.
4. The CBD Alley project is about 15% designed and will be proposing materials soon
5. Trustee Barry questioned the north side of the track on Cass Ave. noting the quality of the road and the deterioration.

Facilities Maintenance:

1. The Village Hall back office is approximately 80% completed.
2. The elevator should be back in service tomorrow.

Fleet Maintenance:

1. Water 1 has been delivered after issues arose with the initial build
2. The hydroseeder is now in the Village's possession and has been used in Indian Trails so far. This will help with return trips for seeding and sod that does not make it due to weather.

Manager May:

1. The back lot was opened up and concerns came up regarding the amount of traffic. The PD has put up a traffic counter to see the difference.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:56 p.m. by Trustee Addington, seconded by Trustee Guzzo.