

Public Works Committee Meeting

December 10th, 2015

Minutes

Called to Order: @4:41 p.m. by Trustee Harold Barry

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Trustee Steve Nero, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Trustee Linda Liddle, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Harold Barry, Village Manager Steve May, Finance Director Spencer Parker, Community Development Director Jill Ziegler, Public Works Director Mike Ramsey, Public Works Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Public Works Supervisor Jim Cates, Public Works Supervisor Noriel Noriega, Police Chief Tom Mulhearn, Deputy Police Chief Jim Gunther, and Deputy Fire Chief Steve Riley.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 9/24/2015 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Noriega updated the committee on the Cumnor Road project. There was a sloped driveway study done highlighting the driveway entrances along Cumnor as well as other sloped drives throughout the Village. Because Cumnor Road was widened, the slope of the driveway aprons increased significantly. The driveways in the past were at a 1.5% to 4% slope and are now around 14% to 15%. There are addresses and alleyways in town with slopes greater than 20%. Residents will be documenting any hardships that occur during the winter months with the base of the drives. Trustee Addington asked what the ideal parameters are for a steep slope and Supervisor Noriega informed the committee the ideal slope when changing an apron is around 12%.
2. A storm water project update was given by Supervisor Noriega with Norfolk and Linden coming in with about 30% completion on the design phase. There will be a meeting with Manning School to discuss the project in depth. Naperville and Warwick has about 90% completion of the design phase and there should be a formal report coming out soon.

New Business:

1. Public Works Director Ramsey showed the committee the need to reassess the water rates for the Village. He showed a comparison amongst surrounding towns with Westmont falling on the lower end of the rates. Other municipalities also charge meter fees and higher turn on fees than the Village. There is an issue with the budget as the Water Division is not breaking even with operations versus revenue and falling short on the revenue side. All meters are currently being updated that are older than 15 years old as the current meters have a 20 year warranty. This study was in packet form and the committee will review the numbers to discuss in the future.
2. Suffield Gardens will be coming under Westmont jurisdiction for water in the near future. Currently, this area is receiving water off of the main coming from Darien. This area has been experiencing main breaks at a high volume. To cap the water main, and then switch over will cost about \$100,000. There are a total of 7 meters to be put in. There are legalities involved and the Darien water rate may still be in place when the switch over occurs.

3. In Sycamore run on lot 117, there is an issue regarding fence encroachment. The fence line for the two houses backing up to the creek is on lot 117. This lot corner can be cut out and sold off for the fence line.

Reports:

Chairperson:

1. Trustee Barry noted that salt usage was down due to the lack of snow.

Public Works Director:

1. There was a concern regarding cut through traffic on Morning Glory Circle in Birch Point condos. This would have to be regulated by the police. It was noted there was not a lot of activity on the road when observed.
2. The CBD alley reconstruction of Phase 1 and 2 is underway. The alley repair will coincide with work the Downers Grove Sanitary district is completing in the alley ways. The timeline for this may conflict with the Taste of Westmont.

Street Division:

1. There are crews continuing to patch holes on streets. Trustee Barry noted that there was a hole on Westend that was not taken care of. Supervisor Noriega will send a crew out there to assess and repair as soon as possible.

Water Division:

1. Park and Westend water mains are totally complete.
2. East Richmond Ave. Phase I design needs to begin now from Richmond St to Wilmette. This project will be done in two parts. This will be a board meeting item for approval.

Engineering Division:

1. Nothing at this time.

Facilities Maintenance:

1. The roof at Fire HQ has been redone. The caulking is not complete and an additional \$8,000 will need to be allocated for this. Trustee Barry had concerns regarding the leaks that are occurring currently. This has to do with the lack of caulk put in.
2. There has been a lot of funds spent regarding the HVAC at FD Headquarters due to leaking coolant and freon.
3. There was some fascia that fell at the Water Division over the bay doors. Supervisor Cates is getting quotes for the repair.

Fleet Maintenance:

1. The hot patcher PO for replacement will be on the Board Meeting this evening.
2. Total brought in from the auction was a little over \$43,000.

Trustee Nero reported the head of Dupage County PW is open to an intergovernmental agreement for sewer jetting and televising.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:51 by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Guzzo.