

Public Works Committee Meeting

November 10, 2016

Minutes

Called to Order: @4:36 p.m. by Trustee Barry

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 9/15/2016 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

- A. An update was given by Director Ramsey with regards to the future Public Works facility. Three site visits were conducted in the towns of Carpentersville, Wheeling, and Oak Park. Upon visits, Carpentersville was most comparable to the needs of Westmont. The design firm was given different areas in town to work with. One was the Green Meadows golf course. The next configuration is to build on the existing sites at Water and Streets. The water site would become a two story facility to match up with the current water plant, with truck and equipment storage on the first floor and offices on the second. The Street Division site would be used for material storage and the fleet division. The entire site would need to be demolished and rebuilt. This area will be more costly as most of the site will need to be remediated. The Green Meadows option is at about 25 million dollars from start to finish. The current sites being redeveloped would be at 23 million dollars. These numbers are predicted at the highest possible cost and worst case scenario. Trustee Barry asked about the site up on North Cass Ave. on the east side being a possibility for a future facility. This would tie into the Library and Police Department. Director Ramsey stated the firm is now investigating that area as well.

New Business:

- A. Village Engineer Noriega discussed the stormwater management projects that are ongoing and being proposed. 6101 S. Cass Ave. and Richmond and Grant projects were just approved by the Village Board. Surveyors will begin preliminary work in these areas. North Warwick has two projects ongoing. Phase two engineering is starting for Naperville and Warwick and the design is about 75 percent complete. There was an issue with the 36 inch storm sewer but that problem has been resolved. The 400 block section of Warwick is beginning phase two design by Christopher Burke Engineering.

Reports:

Chairperson:

1. Trustee Barry gave a glowing review about the outcome of the alleys. Also the trees look great in the downtown area.

Public Works Director:

1. Director Ramsey stated the AWWA utility council is reaching out to municipalities for input on the IEPA lead testing in the school districts. Currently, the bill in Springfield, the municipalities are responsible for the cost of the testing of the schools. Fortunate for Westmont, the schools are fairly new and hopefully lead services are limited. The testing samples are at 25 dollars per fixture, in which the municipality will pay for the cost. Director Ramsey would like to help the districts by collecting the samples in house to save money. Ideal time frames for testing is going to be during winter breaks. The current schools to be tested are K-5 levels only. Committee members agree this would be a good time to implement the testing and reach out to schools to see if they are willing to start testing.
2. The ComEd flyer has gone out to residents with the meter exchange program beginning. There is an opt out request until 2022. ComEd still has to read the old meter and there will be a service charge of 21.53 dollars per month until the meter is exchanged. Director Ramsey spoke with Mike Foster from ComEd and has been reassured that the meters are safe. The few problems stem from improper grounding.
3. There is a resolution from IDOT for a two year grace period without having to post a bond for projects along Ogden. This will be presented to the board for approval.

Street Division:

1. Foreman Yeater discussed further the ComEd exchange program. The EIC is also working with ComEd to get regular updates and voice concerns.
2. The downtown tree lighting project is almost completed. There has been positive feedback from most individuals. If the pedestrian poles have lights on also, the trees will not be able to be on. The electrical capability is currently not available. Mayor Gunter would like to see the CBD tree project completed. The Streetscape project will hopefully allow for electrical capabilities in the future. The wreaths will not have lights and are due to come in next Monday. Foreman Yeater requested additional funds to complete more trees since the poles are not getting lights. Finance Director Parker stated there are funds available for this.
3. The fall tree planting is slightly behind schedule due to weather. Planting will start Monday and finish the 485 trees by the end of the month. There will be a lot of diversity in the urban forest this year. There were a few issues with trees being removed and not replaced. Foreman Yeater is looking to put in about 500 trees in the spring and that would leave the Village with about 200 vacant spots. There are 300 ash trees that need to still be taken down. These will come down from hazardous first.
4. Village Engineer Noriega stated the annual ditch grading program went well. Many spot area emergencies were addressed. There was about 450 feet of culvert replacement as well. Storm sewer jetting is ongoing. Street sweeping has covered about 500 miles of surface so far this year.

Water Division:

1. Supervisor Cates let the committee know the first section of the Richmond water main replacement is complete. The second phase will begin in June when school is out from Wilmette to Cass Ave. This project should coincide with the resurfacing of Richmond as well.
2. Suffield Gardens is on hold. The Village is waiting for an IGA with Darien for the capping of the main. Darien is applying with Dupage County but most likely will have to wait until spring due to timing.

Engineering Division:

1. The CBD alleys in the first two blocks of west Cass Ave. have been completed.
2. The alley behind Manning School, which is section F, is in design. In the next month, 60 percent should be completed. As soon as school lets out, the project should begin. The next alley, section E, will be budgeted for design in the next fiscal year.

Facilities:

1. Supervisor Cates let the committee know the generator at the Fire Station headquarters is in place and ready to go.

Fleet Maintenance:

1. The Street Division received the new Pelican sweeper recently.
2. Working with the Water Division for getting a new five ton truck to replace 212.
3. The auction will go live next week for the current retired fleet.
4. A new pickup truck will also be purchased this fiscal year.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. by Clerk Szymiski, seconded by Trustee Addington.