

Public Works Committee Meeting

February 2, 2017

Minutes

Called to Order: @4:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Linda Liddle, Trustee Harold Barry, Trustee Marie Guzzo, 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, Police Chief Jim Gunther, Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Public Works Supervisor Jim Cates, Guest from Waste Management Mike Brink.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 11/10/16 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Waste Management has a new proposal for the residents of Westmont. The sizes of the garbage containers and the styles were discussed. The cart program would go into place requiring 64 gallon carts for all residents. If there are extra items, stickers could be used. The size of the cart is the issue as there is a 96 gallon toter that would work for family households but not a single person household. Trustee Addington had concerns over the weight of the 96 gallon toter. There is not an impact to Waste Management on the weight. Trustee Guzzo asked about replacing the carts if damage occurs. Waste Management will replace the toters at no cost. A revised proposal will be given to the Village from Waste Management to discuss the toters for the high volume users that would require the 96 gallon toter size.
- B. Director Ramsey gave an update on the 4 ten hour days for the staff. There are benefits for saving gas and sick time. Resident benefit means there is a ten hour coverage per day. In the winter there is 13 hours of coverage. This is a 6 month trial period and will be assessed in June to see how the system is working. Trustee Barry was worried about the holiday weeks as well as being told it was a Board decision. Director Ramsey stated it was decided at the department level and not the Board level. Trustee Barker would like to know which other towns participate in the 4 day work weeks. Director Ramsey will provide a list for the committee.

New Business:

- A. Village Engineer Noriega brought up the N. Warwick storm sewer project around the 300 block. There will be water main replacement and sanitary main replacement as well. Noriega showed a revised proposal for any parking issues along Warwick to be resolved with the reconstruction. Trustee Barry is questioning the parking resolve on this project. Because the entire right of way is disturbed by the project, parallel parking will be offered for the business that is impacted. The business need for parking will be addressed. Trustee Addington opened a discussion on other areas that have parking issues that also need to be addressed.
- B. A resident who takes the train is requesting a closer overnight parking request for the Westmont station. Mayor Gunter asked if there was a set amount. It has not been allowed as snow removal operations are hindered. The committee will think about this for a later discussion.

- C. Supervisor Cates updated the committee on the grant application to replace the downtown lighting to LED. The cost for installation is 40 dollars per fixture. Twin Supplies would like to offer the service for all the 35 ft. poles (54 in total) and would like to know if this should be pursued. The deadline is May 1st to have this installed. Supervisor Cates stated the labor would not be paid if Twin Supplies puts it in. Mayor Gunter asked if staff could do this in house. It is unknown at this time. It is faster and more cost effective for the company to do this than in house. There would be an overall savings with the more efficient lighting and bulb longevity.
- D. Director Ramsey discussed with the committee the personnel requests for the upcoming budget year to satisfy workload. There is a request for three part time employees to become full time and then replace the part time employees with part time employees

Reports:

Public Works Director:

- 1. Senate Bill 550 has been signed into law. District 201 will meet with Director Ramsey on Tuesday. This law states all fixtures in k-5 schools need to be lead tested that provide water for drinking or food preparation. Maercker School is exempt as they did renovations after 2000. All the other schools will need to be tested. The Village will offer services to the schools to help with the cost for the process. Every year, an update needs to be provided to the EPA on how many lead services the town has and what the process is to remediate. The commercial side is not a concern but residential may be harder to investigate. The resident cost would be about 5000 dollars to update the service.
- 2. A contest is starting at Westmont Middle School on a Water Tower building competition. This will most likely happen on March 18th and it will have scholarship opportunities. The junior high will be the first one to participate and hopefully the high school can be involved in the future.

Street Division:

- 1. Director Noriega stated 8 snowstorms were responded to and 475 tons of road salt was used. We are no longer storing salt in D.G. and we have to purchase 800 more tons through contractual bids. There is concern on the salt storage.
- 2. Downtown lighting has been removed from Holly Days. The tree lights are still up.
- 3. The patches on Washington St. will be revisited when the weather breaks.
- 4. Trustee Barry inquired about the house on West End that tore up the street. Noriega is aware of the situation and they are keeping an eye on it.
- 5. Trustee Barker asked Noriega to check on the alley behind the house on Lincoln.

Water Division:

- 1. Suffield Gardens project is still in progress. Waiting on Darien to do the IGA. If they do not respond, Westmont will move forward with the project.

Engineering Division:

- 1. The alleys in the CBD - section A and B are almost 100 percent complete.
- 2. Section F alley is in design about 75 percent complete for the design. There is a scheduling conflict with the school and construction will not start until June 6th. There is concern with the Taste of Westmont as well. Trustee Barry suggested to start before school lets out. The Board needs to approve the project before the budget is officially approved. Trustee Barry had concerns

over the alley collecting cigarette butts in the grooves and other debris. Noriega stated the alleys need to be vacuumed and not just swept.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m. by Trustee Addington, seconded by Trustee Liddle.