

Public Works Committee Meeting

April 13, 2017

Minutes

Called to Order: @4:31 p.m.

Present: Mayor Ron Gunter, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Linda Liddle, 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, Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Public Works Supervisor Jim Cates, Communications Director Larry McIntyre, Deputy Fire Chief Steve Riley, Deputy Police Chief Brian Gruen, PW Foreman Jon Yeater, Phil Ricchetti, Jim Bourke, Trustee Harold Barry, Trustee Steve Nero.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 2/2/2017 were approved.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Director Ramsey gave a breakdown of costs for the proposed Public Works facility. AECOM services broke up the project if it was done in phases. For the site at the current water plant, if just the east side was set up, it would be seven million dollars. The site at the Street Division would be five and a half million. To put a second floor on the water site, it would be an additional seven and a half million. Trustee Barry asked for other options as far as locations. Trustee Addington asked if funds are available or could be earmarked for the building of a new facility. This could be considered in the future with further discussions. Water rate increases are partially earmarked to go towards a new facility. Trustee Barker was concerned about the gas situation at the Street Division. The mitigation of the existing problem would cause all the soil to be remediated which would be a large portion of the property.
- B. Village Engineer Noriega discussed with the committee various projects currently started for stormwater. The parcel at 6101 S. Cass is in the design stages. This is trying to be coordinated with the Fire Department as they may be putting an addition on. There was a grant awarded for 90,000 dollars by county. The total for the project is about 1.4 million dollars. The Richmond and Grant intersection is in the design stages as well. Flood questionnaires have been sent out to residents in the area. The Warwick Avenue storm sewer project is ready for construction and will be coming up for approval on a future board meeting.
- C. Trustee Barker asked for research on the 4 hour work days. Director Ramsey stated Buffalo Grove is currently using this schedule. Carol Stream participated but reverted back to 8 hour days. This winter was a light winter and was not a good test to see how the schedule will work. The trial period will be going through July.

New Business:

- A. Manager May discussed with the committee the storm sewer at King Arthur Apartments. There is a 48 inch pipe from the golf club going north that is collapsing and is the responsibility of the apartment complex. This is an expensive project and the complex is asking for waivers for the cost. This is a private sewer and needs to be handled by the complex. This may be a code

enforcement issue as damage is being caused upstream due to the pipe condition. As the governing stormwater management authority for the Village, the Village has the right to deny any further building or site improvements until the complex fixes this pipe.

- B. There will be a license agreement with the homeowner at 417 Jamestown. It will be an agreement that their accessory structures can be stored on Village property and they are maintaining Village owned property. Once the structures need to be replaced, they may not be put back on the Village's property. If the Village needs to do any repairs, the homeowner has thirty days to remove their belongings.
- C. Village Engineer Noriega discussed some areas of concern with drainage. An area with multiple calls was in the area of Champlaine Ave. and Newport Ave. in the Oakwood subdivision. Landscaping in the rear yards have impacted much of the water flow. Through the Village's rear yard drainage program, a storm sewer could be installed in back of the houses. The issue is with all the structures that have been installed or the trees planted. On Spruce Lane, there is an issue with water due to landscaping bricks being built up next to a shed and impeding the water flow to the sewer. Cumnor, West End, and Burlington is another area of concern where the backyards are constantly flooded during a rainstorm. The sewer is shallow and the yards are about 9 feet lower than the street. This project has been proposed for the budget within the stormwater fund.

Reports:

Public Works Director:

- 1. Director Ramsey said lead testing in schools needs to be done. Public Works reached out to the school districts with K-5 levels. The principal wants all schools tested. There were 172 different sites tested and the school district is paying for all the testing. Maercker School did not need to be tested as it was remodeled recently. Holy Trinity will be next on the list. The lead reporting is a complicated process and is time consuming. The water does not have lead in it but the piping does.
- 2. Through the ISAWWA, there was an event held at Westmont Junior High and Westview Middle School for a water tower building competition to promote awareness towards the water industry. On March 18th at the two junior highs, the competition was held between 53 students. There will be statewide competitions in the future and hopefully there will be a state championship in Springfield.
- 3. In the near future, Public Works will be participating in the River Sweep to help clean up St. Joseph's creek to better the area. Touch-a Truck is run by the Park District to let kids see what equipment is used. The final event is the Stormwater Stenciling to make people aware not to throw waste down the sewers.

Street Division:

- 1. Foreman Yeater updated the committee with the salt usage for the winter. About 500 tons were used versus the average of 1200 tons and there was not any ordered from the state contract. There were 11 minor storms which did not amount to a lot of snow.
- 2. The Arbor Day seedling giveaway at the library is scheduled for April 28th. There are 4 different species and sign up can be done online. The tree planting will be done at Maercker School. The EIC has two more presentations on May 3rd and May 18th. The meeting on May 3rd will present about butterflies. On May 18th, the topic will be addressing drainage issues in private yards.

Water Division:

1. The bid opening was today for the East Richmond St. project from Wilmette to Cass Ave. The Richmond project came in low at 795,000 dollars by RW Dunteman. This will be presented at the next Board Meeting. The bid opening for Suffield Gardens came in at 50,000 dollars by Swallow Construction.
2. Fire hydrants are currently being flushed. Also the the top 40 water users are being tested.
3. Trustee Barker asked about the timeline on the Richmond project. The project should be completed while school is out. There will be access during this time but may be limited from time to time.

Facilities Division:

1. There was a grant awarded for updating the large lights in the downtown area. The deadline is May 1st and the work should be completed by then to fulfill the grant requirements.
2. Midland Masonry come out and there should not be future problems with the FD roof. There were issues with the bricks not wicking away the rain. D.C. Riley stated there are still leaks and Supervisor Cates will look into it.

Engineering Division:

1. Section A and Section B of the alley project is completed minus one punch list item. Chips need to be swept into the cracks and then those are completed.
2. Section F is out for bid with 22 contractors interested. The bid opening is April 18th. This alley is from Naperville Rd to Norfolk behind Nature's Best.

Fleet Division:

1. There have been two new vehicles received in Public Works. There is a new sweeper being used at the Street Division. There is also a new 5 ton dump truck at the Water Division. There will be a new pickup truck for the Water Division delivered by the end of April. There is a new police interceptor as well as one for the FD. The new ladder truck should be coming in the end of April.

Director Ramsey followed up reports informing the committee of a meeting happening in July for the new alleys with the APWA. This will be hosted in Westmont to promote green alleys. There will be ordinance edits per Foreman Yeater for the tree and landscape ordinance. There will also be a heritage tree ordinance to prevent groves being torn down and protect older trees. The groundbreaking ceremony for Richmond Gardens will be on Saturday, April 22nd. Trustee Barry would like the brick sales promoted better.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:52 p.m. by Trustee Addington, seconded by Trustee Liddle.