

Public Works Committee Meeting
September 22, 2022
Minutes

Called to Order: @ 4:30 pm

Present: Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Linda Liddle, Village Manager Steve May, Mayor Ron Gunter, Village Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Interim Public Works Director Dawn Wucki-Rossbach, Finance Director Jamie Cunningham, Trustee Frank Brady, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Fire Chief Riley, Fleet Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Police Chief Jim Gunther.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from March 24th, 2022 were approved by Trustee Liddle, second Trustee Hogan-Simonovich..

Open Forum:

Resident Sabah Akbar of 522 64th Street spoke, representing herself and her neighbors on 64th St. Regarding 64th Street and its lack of curb and gutter. Concerns for the numerous children in the neighborhood as well as the elderly residents. Mrs. Akbar had a petition signed by numerous residents on 64th St. requesting the curb and gutter be put in and that they paid a lot of money for these items. Mr. Sameer Afsar also spoke, sharing his concerns for the neighborhood and the need for curb and gutter. Mr. DeJesus also shared his concerns.

New Business:

- A. PW Staffing Updates - Manager May addressed the staffing concerns, short handed in PW, as well as the search for a new Public Works Director.
- B. Capital Improvement Project Updates
 - 1) MFT - Replacing 3.21 miles of road. Remove and replace curb and gutter, as well as replacing a guard rail on Blackhawk Drive and ADA crosswalks. Project should be completed by the end of October/November.
 - 2) 57th Street Stormwater - Project is 500 lineal feet. Base design is complete, the soil borings are done.
 - 3) 61st & Cumnor - V3 Construction started tree removal on September 17th, 2022. Working on dewatering. There is a long lead time on the box culverts. The plantings will be native and planted in the spring. The project will be completed by June 2023.

- 4) East Des Moines & South Richmond Water Main - This project consists of 4,230 lineal feet of 8" water main and will also fix a dead end water main. Contractor is Mauro Construction and Engineer is Baxter & Woodman.
 - 5) CBD Alley H - Preliminary plans expected next month
 - 6) CBD Alley G - Notifications went out today to affected businesses and residents. There will be dumpsters on the end of the alley for the businesses, and the residents will put their garbage out on Lincoln during construction. Project anticipated to start next week.
 - 7) Metra Station - Fire flow completed and given to the contractor. Discussion on pedestrian crossing and options.
 - 8) Gateway signs - Route 83 & Ogden - Original bid was high, need to rebid, not on schedule. Ogden & Cumnor - Readvertised on September 22nd and September 29th in IDOT's contractors bulletin. Bid opening on October 11th. Cass & 67th - Readvertised on September 22nd and September 29th in IDOT's contractors bulletin. Bid opening on October 11th.
 - 9) Streetlights - Working with engineer on design. Met with Meade on site. Design in 95% complete. Anticipate the bid being released next month.
 - 10) North Water Tower - Working with PZC on special use permit as well as variances for: height of tower and fencing.
 - 11) Tree planting - will begin soon and be complete before the snow flies.
 - 12) New Salt Dome - will be at the site of the old Street division. Looking at different types of structures and layouts. \$800,000 in current budget.
- C. Sidewalk Replacement Projects
- 1) South Wilmette Ave. - Quincy to 55th St.: Engineer is in the process of completing Phase 1 and 2 engineering and is making some adjustments to plan.
 - 2) Van Dustring - Remove and replace to be done in house and will be reviewed next month.

Reports :

A. Chairperson - Nothing

B. Public Works Director - Nothing

C. Street Division

- 1) Ditch Work - Work was completed last week between 6101 & 6105 Richmond. East Traube to be done in the spring.
- 2) Sidewalks - Working with Safestep on this year's locations.
- 3) Alleys - Grading work should be complete by October/November.

D. Water Division

- 1) Watermain issues: Quincy & Wilmette incident - Discovered a water main that was thought to be capped. Loosing 160 gallons per minute, now fixed.
Wilmette & 57th St. - water leak, loosing 100 gallons per minute, now fixed.
- 2) Leak detection and valve exercising will start this fall.
- 3) 268 Hydrants were sandblasted.

E. Engineering Division**F. Fleet Division**

- 1) Projects: UV lighting moving forward, work to be done in the next month or so.
PD: new roof top unit, 28-32 week lead time. Should have unit in December.
VH roof - work to be done this weekend. Westmont Centre Roof - contractor still to apply for permit. Fueling Center - working on punch list. EV Charging station to be installed at FDHQ, to be complete in the next few days.
- 2) Surplus vehicles - Working to get to auction
- 3) Vehicle order update - Still a year and a half for pick up trucks and one-tons.
Received two five-tons, waiting on one more. With the possibility of Ford canceling the order.

Meeting motion to adjourn at 5:45 pm by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Hogan Simonovich. All in favor.