

VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, APRIL 12, 2010

MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M., Monday April 12, 2010, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga, Trustee Kim Angelo, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; George Franco, Director of Public Services; David Cook, Village Manager; Robert McGinnis, Building Commissioner and Acting Director of Community Development; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist; Tom Bueser, Assistant Director of Public Services.

Approval of Minutes – March 8, 2010

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 8, 2010 meeting. Minor changes were addressed. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the March 8, 2010 minutes as corrected. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco discussed the highlights of the Public Services monthly report. He stated the recent water pipe repairs have been completed. Approximately 2,380,000 gallons of water were pumped from the Village wells during the repairs.

Trustee Geoga questioned whether the recent rainfall should produce the associated overflow event. Mr. Deeter indicated that a blockage in the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District's (FCWRD's) junction chamber contributed to the overflow occurring. If FCWRD's continues its current sewer cleaning program, future similar storms should not produce an overflow event at the Veeck Park facility. A general discussion took place over the maintenance of the facility and sewer mains.

Trustee Saigh questioned the current work needed to repair the Veeck Park Skate Park and if the costs outweighed the benefit to the Village. Mr. Franco stated that, over the life of the park, the maintenance costs have not been low. DuPage County Volunteers will help to keep the skate park clean this summer.

Trustee Saigh asked about the number of Elm Trees that were infected with Dutch Elm disease in the Public Services Report. Mr. Franco stated 56 public and private trees were infected during the survey period last year. A new annual survey will be conducted in the coming months.

Engineering Monthly Report

Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Update

Mr. Deeter provided an update on the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility. He stated the project completion date is dependant on the weather. If April has a lot of precipitation, the completion date could be pushed back a few weeks.

Road Programs Update

Mr. Deeter reported on the status of projects occurring this year. The Clarendon Hills Sewer Improvement project will begin construction in the southwest portion of the Village in late April. A quad-gate crossing will be constructed at the Monroe Street crossing of the BNSF rail road tracks this summer. The 50/50 sidewalk program will begin in June. And, the 2010 Resurfacing program will begin in June.

Trustee LaPlaca asked about a federal stimulus program sign on Chicago Avenue. Mr. Deeter stated this sign applies to the IDOT resurfacing program for 47th Street.

Mr. Cook provided information regarding recent loans and grant for the Oak Street Bridge replacement project. With the addition of these latest loans and grants, the Village will be able to fund the Oak Street Bridge replacement project. A general discussion took place over the financing for this project, the project phases, and the timeline of the project. The committee also discussed the opportunities for and differences between a grant and loan forgiveness.

Trustee Saigh questioned the color of new sidewalk slabs for the 50/50 program. Mr. Deeter stated the color is hard to match when it is first installed and over time it weathers to match the surrounding sidewalk. He discussed different types of sidewalks. It was his opinion that exposed aggregate sidewalks are not be very durable in this climate.

Trustee Geoga asked about the Third and Princeton CSO approval process and what additional information was needed for the IEPA. Mr. Deeter stated the Village consultant submitted the additional information and explained the anticipated timeframe for approval.

Beautification Task Force Presentation

Tribute Tree Program

Dr. Ryne provided a brief summary and update regarding the Tribute Tree Program. He touched on the function of the program and different ways Village residents and business owners can participate. Trustee LaPlaca questioned how the brochure would be distributed to the residents. Dr. Ryne stated that, due to postage costs, the Task Force has been hand delivering brochures to churches, businesses, and other high traffic areas. A general discussion took place over how the donation money will be allocated and other aspects of the program.

Tree Preservation Ordinance

Mr. Finnell presented information regarding this agenda item. He provided background information of the draft ordinance and the methods used to create it. He discussed information that was researched from surrounding communities. This draft ordinance was created by taking much of the information from the Village of Glenview. A general discussion took place between Mr. Finnell and the EPS Committee over certain aspects of the draft ordinance and how it addresses diseased and damaged trees.

Mrs. Cleveland introduced Edith Makra, the Community Trees Advocate at the Morton Arboretum. Ms. Makra presented information regarding tree preservation. She touched on the loss of trees in a Village and ways to prevent the removal of trees. She used examples from Kenilworth and Wilmette regarding the process of creating a tree preservation ordinance and cited example issues that have come up during the approval process. A general discussion took place regarding certain issues in the draft preservation ordinance, ways to address current issues in the Village, and how to properly administer the ordinance.

Ms. Makra discussed how other communities have administered tree preservation ordinances and cited examples from the Village of Glenview and Lake Forest. She presented the idea of an "urban forest" in the Village. She also addressed some legal aspects of the draft tree preservation ordinance and questions that may arise from residents and developers.

Trustee Angelo questioned the problems Wilmette faced when they went through this process. Ms. Makra provided information regarding the problems Wilmette faced. The primary issue was property rights. She also discussed other issues certain communities have faced and what the Village should focus on when drafting an ordinance.

Trustee Geoga questioned what the process is for approving a tree ordinance that applies to private and public property. Ms. Makara stated that, in general, public hearings and meetings are held to allow all parties to ask questions and speak on the matter. Trustee

Geoga questioned the amount of staff time that would be needed to enforce this type of ordinance. Ms. Makra stated the amount of time needed will depend on the amount of development currently going on in a community. Trustee Geoga also questioned how a community would present this information at a public meeting and stressed the need for a well-balanced presentation.

Trustee Saigh questioned if, under the current staffing levels, a program like this would be feasible. A general discussion continued over the enforcement and implementation of a tree ordinance in the Village and the added staff time required in the Village. Mr. McGinnis expressed his concerns with the tree preservation on private property and staffing issues that may arise if it is approved. He also expressed a concern that, for many residential lots in town, the critical root zone encompassed the entire lot.

Trustee Saigh expressed his concerns with this proposed ordinance. He felt developers and homeowners would continue to cut down trees and pay the penalty. This would turn into a revenue generator rather than a tool for tree preservation. A general discussion took place over the approval process and how to raise public awareness regarding this proposed code change. The EPS Committee also questioned if more research from other communities was needed before the Village pursued this issue further. The Committee asked staff to bring more information on this subject to the next meeting.

To Approve “A Resolution Approving and Accepting A Plat of Consolidation To Consolidate The Properties Commonly Known As 337 and 341 E. Chicago Avenue In The Village of Hinsdale, County of DuPage”.

Mr. Deeter stated this request was for legal purposes. Only one lot was improved. Trustee Saigh motioned to Approve “A Resolution Approving and Accepting a Plat of Consolidation to Consolidate the Properties Commonly Known as 337 and 341 E. Chicago Avenue in the Village of Hinsdale, County of DuPage”. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve a Resolution for the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Contract Change Order Number 4 to Change the Retainage from Ten (10) Percent to Five (5) Percent.

Chester Kochan, Village consultant, provided information regarding this request. He stated this is a generally accepted practice to reduce the retainage once a project is past 50% completion. He discussed the weather related construction delays, the quality of construction, and that the facility is functional and operational. Trustee Geoga expressed his concerns with this request. He felt that the village should receive something of value in exchange for the reduction of retainage and a discussion followed regarding an appropriate length of time during which the contractor would be asked to hold its pricing for the Third and Princeton project beyond its current commitment. A general discussion took place over this agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned to Approve

a Resolution for the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Contract Change Order Number 4 to Change the retainage from Ten (10) Percent to Five (5) Percent and extend the approved bid prices for the Third and Princeton CSO construction until November 15th and the Third and Princeton CSO construction will maintain the 10% retainage. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve a Resolution for Construction on State Highways

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. Mr. Franco stated the purpose of this was for IDOT to keep track of work being completed in their right of way and to receive permit fees for any work completed by third party companies. This resolution would also allow the Village to work in the IDOT right of way. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve a Resolution for Construction on State Highways. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid #1467 - Sewer Cleaning, Televising and Root Cutting to American Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$37,400

A general discussion took place over the cost of the bid and how it compared to past pricing. Mr. Cook stated this price was slightly less than the total cost in 2009. Trustee Geoga motioned to Award Bid #1467 - Sewer Cleaning, Televising and Root Cutting to American Underground, Inc. in the amount of \$37,400. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid #1468 - Annual Leak Detection Survey to Associated Technical Services in the amount of \$12,660

Trustee Geoga motioned to Award Bid #1468 - Annual Leak Detection Survey to Associated Technical Services in the amount of \$12,660. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Award Bid #1469, Elm Tree Inoculation, to be split between Landscape Concepts Management and Nels Johnson Tree Experts with a comparative bid price of \$11.00 per diameter inch

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information regarding this bid. She questioned if the Village has ever hired two tree experts to work on Village and private property. Mr. Franco stated the Village has not done this in the past; but, he does not see any problems with this situation. He stated the price is competitive. The total cost will depend on the number of trees that are inoculated. Trustee Geoga motioned for the approval to Award Bid #1469, Elm Tree Inoculation, to be split between Landscape Concepts Management and Nels Johnson Tree Experts with a comparative bid price of \$11.00 per diameter inch. Trustee Angelo seconded. Chairman LaPlaca questioned how this information would be distributed to the residents. Mr. Franco stated information

will be available to residents through the website and advertised in the Hinsdalean newspaper.

Award Bid #1470 - Street Sweeping, to Dejana Industries in the bid comparison amount of \$49,201

Mr. Franco provided information regarding the bid amount. He stated that although the bid was higher than the budgeted figure, the Village's intent is to lock in this unit cost. Once the unit cost is fixed, the Village will remain within the \$36,000 of the budget line item. A general discussion took place over the details of this contract. Trustee Geoga motioned to recommend approval to Award Bid #1470 - Street Sweeping, to Dejana Industries in the bid comparison amount of \$49,201 that will lock in unit costs per hour and allow the Village to use funds within the budgeted amount of \$36,000.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Angelo moved to adjourn. Trustee Geoga seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Deeter
Village Engineer