

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 4:05 P.M., Monday June 14, 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: David Cook, Village Manager, Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; George Franco, Director of Public Services;; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist.

Approval of Minutes – May 10, 2010

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the May 10, 2010 meeting. Changes to the minutes were addressed. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the May 10, 2010 minutes as corrected. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes – June 1, 2010

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 1, 2010 special meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the June 1, 2010 special meeting minutes. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco discussed the highlights of the Public Services monthly report. He began with a discussion on the Dutch Elm Tree injection program. Of the 455 trees surveyed, 105 will be treated. Letters have been sent out to the residents.

Mr. Franco informed the committee that Public services will be receiving free summer help from WorkNet of DuPage and from Hinsdale South High School special education. A total of eleven students will be helping with various projects for 8 weeks. Some may even be available until September. Most of their assistance will be used in painting fire hydrants.

Chairman LaPlaca question the route for this year's Fourth of July parade. Due to the construction on Garfield, the parade route was shifted to Washington Street. The parade will start at 6th St. and proceed to First St.

Trustee Geoga inquired if 4 water main breaks for the month of May was usual. Mr. Franco replied that it was a typical number of breaks for this time of year. Trustee Geoga also asked about the Dutch Elm Disease survey. Eleven parkway trees were identified as having the disease. Trustee Saigh requested clarification on the number of trees in treatment. Village Forester John Finnell confirmed that 1500 trees are being

tracked through this program which runs on a three year cycle. Trustee LaPlaca inquired about statistics on infected private trees. Mr. Finnell confirmed that the Village does not track private tree infection.

Mr. Franco discussed the vandalism and graffiti at the Veeck Park Skate Park. Along with graffiti on portions of the park structures, some railings have been damaged by skaters. At the current rate, Public Services anticipate spending 180 man hours per year repairing the park vandalism. Some proactive measures taken (11 skin applications), have cost \$240/sheet. Trustee Saigh questioned whether skateboarding was becoming less popular do to the low usage. Even though the police have had 16 calls related to the vandalism, this may reduce once sports activity picks up at Veeck Park. Trustee Geoga mentioned concerns that the vandalism would spread over to the Wet Weather Facility. Committee agreed to re-evaluate at the end of the summer.

Mr. Franco presented a request by ComEd to remove an Elm tree from the Village parkway. Apparently, the subject tree is in conflict with a set of ComEd feeder lines. As a courtesy, ComEd offered to pay for the removal of the tree (\$125.00). Options of relocating the wires were too costly (\$20,000) and pruning the tree would be unattractive. Mr. Cook confirmed that ComEd has the right to prune the trees affecting their equipment. Staff's recommendation (John Finnell) is to leave the tree alone. ComEd has installed measures to insulate their wires from the tree. Committee agreed to forward staff recommendation to leave tree alone and to notify ComEd once the tree shows signs of distress.

The hospital has requested the removal of two additional trees as part of their project. Their contractor has expressed that the 13 inch and 9 inch trees present difficulties in mobilizing equipment. The committee question how problematic could these trees really be and requested more information from the hospital. Trustees Geoga and Saigh agreed that the removal of two additional trees was not warranted.

Mr. Franco initiated discussion on the repairs to the Memorial Building Roof. The Village budgeted \$100,000 to remove and replace the lower 3-5 feet of the roof slates. This work is anticipated to be completed by October. Trustee Geoga advised that the budget committee was relieved that the scope of work was limited to the lower portion of the roof. Committee agreed to have staff begin the bidding process.

Village resident Wesley Bielski of 315 Hampton Place presented a request to relocate an 8 inch parkway tree. Due to the driveway changes associated with the redevelopment of the lot, this tree will need to be moved. Although two 24 inch Oak trees will also be affected by this construction, the owner feels they can be saved. Committee agreed to give their formal approval at the next EPS meeting.

Engineering Monthly Report

Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Update

Mr. Chuck Johnson, the Village's engineering consultant responsible for construction observation at the Veeck Park Facility, updated the Committee on the status of the construction at Veeck Park. Mr. Johnson informed the committee that the Wet Weather Facility is in full operation, and that it would take a few months to work out any problems that may come up. Chairman LaPlaca inquired about the number of sewer overflow events for May. Village Engineer Dan Deeter confirmed overflow event for May 13 and June 1 and the related rain fall data. Committee questioned the noticeable fluctuations in tank depth on days with no rain fall data. Mr. Deeter explained that the Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District diverts sanitary flows to our facilities whenever they are performing sewer cleaning. FCWRD will not clean on days when rain is in the forecast. On May 13th, the Village experienced a quick storm with heavy precipitation. Tank depth data was reflective. Mr. Deeter also gave a brief description of how the wet weather facility operates. Residents have requested a tour of the facility. Mr. Deeter was hopeful to accommodate next week.

Road Program Update

GARFIELD STREET: Mr. Deeter informed the committee that Mr. Bill Seith of Total Environmental Solutions was able to locate documents identifying remediation companies that worked at the Grace and union church sites. The Village needs to obtain records that show these sites were cleaned by professional environmental clean up companies. As for the Fullers site, Mr. Seith recommends that the Village proceeds with sampling/testing of the adjacent project area. The Village will seek reimbursement from Fullers once clean up costs have been totaled. Chairman LaPlaca questioned whether Fullers had any options in the matter. Mr. Deeter explained that the possible contamination areas are all within the public Right-of-way. Therefore, only a Village contractor could perform this work. As for the churches, they would only need to submit records that demonstrate the clean was performed and satisfied the State requirements. Mr. Deeter confirmed that any site that does not submit records will need to be sampled. Mr. Deeter also reviewed the limits and scope of the remaining water main improvements.

2010 RESURFACING PROJECT: Mr. Deeter stated that the Village will be holding a pre-construction meeting with Central Blacktop on June 18, 2010. Contractor will be urged to begin work as soon as possible, weather permitting.

Grant and Funding Opportunities

There was no discussion on this topic.

Paving of the Alley on the 400 Block of South Monroe/Bodin

The residents from the 400 block of south Bodin/Monroe have submitted a petition to pave the partial alley behind their homes at their own expense. Mr. Deeter explained that the alley will be built to the Village standards and that Village inspectors will monitor the project.

Plat of Subdivision – 312 N. Oak and 345-347 E. Hickory – Hines & Gilbert’s Subdivision

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information on this agenda item. A general discussion took place. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve a plat of subdivision – 312 N. Oak and 345-347 E. Hickory – Hines & Gilbert’s Subdivision. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Adopt an Ordinance Adopting Prevailing Wage Standards

Trustee Geoga provided background information on this agenda item. A general discussion took place. Chairman LaPlaca felt more information was required prior to adopting this ordinance. Trustee Angelo motioned to adopt an ordinance adopting prevailing wage standards. Trustee Saigh seconded. Trustee Geoga voted no. Trustee Angelo voted no. Trustee Saigh voted yes. Chairman LaPlaca abstained. The motion did not pass.

Recommend Approving the Purchase of a 2010 Utility Truck for \$31,981.50 from Currie Motors

Chairman LaPlaca informed the committee that Public Services was able to find a replacement vehicle for the Chevy Suburban that was \$6,000 under budget.

Trustee Angelo motioned to recommend approving the purchase of a 2011 utility truck for \$31,981.50 from Currie Motors. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Angelo seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:06 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer