

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, APRIL 11, 2011**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 4:00 P.M., Monday April 11, 2011, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; Robb McGinnis, Director of Community Development; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; George Franco, Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist,

**Approval of Minutes – March 14, 2011**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 14, 2011 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca and Trustee Geoga noted corrections to the minutes. Trustee Geoga motioned for approval of the March 14, 2011 minutes. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the Public Service Department preparations for the summer season, recent water main breaks, and the final costs for snow & ice removal. The Village website has been updated with a list of contractors who are trained in the treatment of the emerald ash-borer. Residents can use this list if they choose to treat, at their own expense, trees on private or public property. The Village will not provide treatment against emerald ash-borer this year. Staff is requesting approval from the Committee to remove the cottonwood trees in the vicinity of Village swimming pool. Staff is concerned that these trees have structural issues and are a maintenance problem for the swimming pool filtration and heating elements. After discussing the issue, the committee directed staff to consult with the effected property owners.

**Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter highlighted activities on the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility, Garfield Street, Oak Street Bridge, and Chestnut Street Projects. Noting an overflow in March without a rainfall value, Trustee Angelo asked if the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility operated properly. Mr. Deeter responded that the overflow in March was due to a heavy rain. The rain gage was not operating due to the potential for freezing during the month. The Wet Weather Facility has been operational for a full year. During that

time, we have been averaging one overflow per month. This frequency of operation is within the predicted operational rates.

During a discussion of the North Washington Street project, Chairman LaPlaca and Trustee Geoga noted that potential additions to this project such as Walnut Street between Washington and Garfield are being considered by the Committee because they offer clear engineering and financial advantages to the Village.

Chairman LaPlaca asked the Committee if they should re-visit the issue of generator location and noise in the Village Code. After a recent power outage, a resident had related that three of his neighbors' generators were operating under full load all night. After some discussion, Trustee Geoga recommended that the committee address the root cause of this problem – why there was a power outage. It was unanimously agreed that ComEd would be invited to a future Committee meeting to address this issue.

**To Approve A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipalities under the Illinois Highway Code.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided further information noting that this resolution appropriates the budgeted \$85,000 of Motor Fuel Tax Funds for the annual 50/50 sidewalk program for repair of existing sidewalks. A general discussion took place. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Move to Approve a Permit for a Temporary Use at 336 E. Ogden Avenue for the Period 4/20/11 thru 10/31/11 Subject to Conditions to be set Forth by the Building Commissioner.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Bill Hogan addressed the committee. A general discussion took place addressing the previous location at First and Garfield, the proposed layout at 336 E. Ogden, and the anticipated hours of operation. All agreed this was a more appropriate location for a greenhouse. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Chairman LaPlaca seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award Bid #1481, Tree and Stump Removal, to Landscape Concepts Management in the Bid Pricing Listed Above and not to Exceed the Budgeted Amount of \$51,000.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award Bid #1482, Tree Pruning, to autumn Tree Care in the Bid Comparison Amount of \$58.00 for Trees 10” to 24” DBH and \$89.00 for Trees over 24” DBH Not to Exceed the Budgeted Amount of \$40,000 for Year 1.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award Bid #1483, Elm Tree Inoculation, to Landscape Concepts Management with a Comparative Bid Price of \$10.50 per diameter inch not to Exceed the Budgeted Amount of \$140,000.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Angelo motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Angelo moved to adjourn. Trustee Saigh seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 5:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer