

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

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 5:08 P.M., Monday July 11, 2011, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga,  
Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Robert McGinnis, Director of Community Development; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturist; Mr. Sean Gascoigne, Planner.

**Approval of Minutes – June 13, 2011**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 13, 2011 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca and Trustee Saigh added comments to the minutes. Trustee Geoga motioned for approval of the June 13, 2011 minutes as amended. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve Agreements for the Implementation of GIS – Geographic**

**Information Systems.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Staff and Mr. John Thomey, Senior Consultant for the Municipal GIS Partners, Inc., answered further questions from the Committee members. Chairman LaPlaca asked what the annual obligation would be for membership in the consortium. Mr. Thomey responded that, while there are no “dues” for the consortium, the projected budget provided in the packet reflects the Village’s minimum obligation each year incorporating the standard available digital information. It would require a commitment of \$85 – 90,000 per year for more enhanced digital information. Continuing the discussion from the June meeting, Trustee Geoga asked for evidence of savings associated with the introduction of GIS. Mr. Thomey clarified how the savings were calculated for the current consortium members. Mr. McGinnis addressed the benefits of GIS including improved service to residents and efficiency savings. Mr. Gascoigne discussed Burr Ridge’s GIS history and Oak Brook’s enthusiastic support of GIS and the consortium. Trustee Geoga acknowledged that the GIS program would benefit the Village and that the presentations had demonstrated that the consortium is the preferred method for providing GIS. However, considering the current economic conditions, Trustee Geoga felt that GIS was not a necessity and the Village could not afford it at this time. Responding to a question by Trustee Saigh, Mr. Thomey confirmed that the Village’s

local area net was compatible with the consortium. The Village would not have to upgrade the current technology to operate GIS. In response to Chairman LaPlaca's question, Mr. Thomey stated that if Hinsdale withdraws from the consortium in the future, Hinsdale would own all software, maps, and data developed for the Village. In response to questions by Trustees Haarlow and Saigh, Mr. Thomey explained the security measures provided by the consortium operating system. Chairman LaPlaca asked for motions on each of the requests for board action.

**To Approve a Membership Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and the Geographic Information System Consortium.** Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Chairman LaPlaca seconded. Trustees Geoga and Haarlow voted No. Trustee Saigh and Chairman LaPlaca voted Yes. The motion was moved to the Board of Trustees.

**To Approve a GIS Consortium Service Provider Agreement between the Village of Hinsdale and Municipal GIS Partners, Inc.** Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Chairman LaPlaca seconded. Trustees Geoga and Haarlow voted No. Trustee Saigh and Chairman LaPlaca voted Yes. The motion was moved to the Board of Trustees.

**To Designate to the GIS Consortium Board of Directors, Sean Gascoigne, Village Planner as Director and Robb McGinnis, Director of Community Development as Alternate Director.** Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Chairman LaPlaca seconded. Trustees Geoga and Haarlow voted No. Trustee Saigh and Chairman LaPlaca voted Yes. The motion was moved to the Board of Trustees.

**To Approve a Resolution for the Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Contract Change Order Number 5 in the amount of (\$36,597.60) to John Burns Construction Company.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced the request to pave the alley between S. Bodin and Monroe, north of Chestnut Street. Since the June EPS meeting, Staff had sent letters to residents in the area and, to date, only residents on this block showed a willingness to pave their alley. The committee discussed the situation with the residents' representative, Mrs. Yu. The Committee approved the residents' request to have their alley paved at the residents' expense and directed staff to incorporate the proposed alley storm sewer system into the Chestnut Street project at a cost of ±\$6,200 to the Village.

Mrs. Cheryl Krueger, 635 S. Thurlow Street, addressed the committee concerning wood smoke trespass issues. She and her husband are concerned about the pollution created by her neighbor when the neighbor burns wood in indoor and outdoor fireplaces. She cited articles discussing the hazards of wood smoke and requested that the committee address the issue. Chairman LaPlaca stated that the staff would research this issue.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the impact of the storm that morning, July 11, 2011, and the Fourth of July parade. Staff will continue to address downed branches and damaged trees as soon as possible. Chairman LaPlaca noted that Metra has agreed to plant evergreen trees in the vicinity of the Highland Metra station new platform turn-around area.

**Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter highlighted the status of Veeck Park material removal, Garfield Road low interest loan, Oak Street Bridge replacement, 2011 Resurfacing Project, Chestnut Street Project, 50/50 sidewalk program, and the Woodlands Infrastructure Improvements.

Chairman LaPlaca proposed changing the August EPS meeting to 6:30 PM on August 16, 2011. There were no objections to this new meeting time from the Trustees.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Chairman LaPlaca seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer