

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2012**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:35 P.M., Monday October 15, 2012, 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; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Arborist; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

Approval of Minutes – September 10, 2012

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 10, 2012 meeting. Trustee Geoga motioned for approval of the September 10, 2012 minutes. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the status of the Public Service Department. Mr. Franco addressed the disposition of paper bags for leave disposal and that an Eagle Scout had painted approximately 120 fire hydrants within the Village.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter updated the committee on the status of the Oak Street Bridge replacement, the 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, the Woodlands Phase 1, the 2013 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects. Additionally, the Tollway has resurfaced the approaches to the Minneola Road pedestrian bridge over I-294. IDOT is planning to resurface Kingery Highway in 2013. This will be primarily night work. Mr. Deeter then answered questions from the trustees concerning the projects' change order lists.

Permission to Seek Proposals – 2013 Maintenance Program

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. After some discussion between the Trustees, Mr. Cook, and Mr. Deeter, it was confirmed that all roads listed on the Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP) for 2013 are scheduled for improvements and that this list of roads will be resurfaced using Villages funds budgeted to maintain the condition of our infrastructure. The trustees directed staff to seek proposals for design and construction management for the 2013 Maintenance Program.

Request for Waiver of Sidewalk Contribution – 5801 Giddings Avenue

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Pat Walsh, the resident, and Mr. Bob Clair, his builder, addressed the committee. After some discussion, the committee denied the resident’s request to install a sidewalk on his property or to waive the fee. The committee developed the ordinance to provide funds that benefitted the community as a whole by completing critical sidewalk links on the Master Sidewalk Plan – not to construct isolated “sidewalks to nowhere.” Additionally, since there is no waiver mechanism within the ordinance, the committee has no authority to provide a waiver.

Resident Request for 3 Parkway Trees To Be Removed (5801 Giddings Ave.)

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco and Mr. Finnell provided further information on the subject. Mr. Pat Walsh, the resident, and Mr. Bob Clair, his builder, addressed the committee. After some discussion, the committee agreed that there were no reasonable site plan alternatives that would save the Kentucky coffee tree in the path of the driveway. To compensation for removing the Kentucky coffee tree, Mr. Walsh will supply three 4-inch DBH trees (species of the Village’s choosing) to be planted at a location(s) of the Village’s choosing. Additionally, he will treat the 14-in DBH Green Ash tree northeast of his lot against the emerald ash borer in a manner and frequency as determined by the Village Arborist. Since the two Norway Spruce trees are in good condition, the committee denied the request to removal them from the parkway. The committee will not allow trees to be removed solely for aesthetic reasons or to match the resident’s proposed landscaping.

To Approve a Resolution for the Woodlands Phase 1 Project Contract Change Order Number 1 in the Amount of \$19,063.95 to Pirtano Construction Company, Inc.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Since this issue had been discussed during the Engineering Monthly Report and the committee had no further comments, Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the removal and replacement of a 125 hp pump motor and cleaning and inspection of pump assembly to Municipal Well and Pump, in the Amount of \$16,882.00.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco added his comments and answered the committee’s questions. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To award the service of snow removal on sidewalks in the Central Business District to Fuller’s Home and Hardware, in the amount of \$595.00 per event, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$8000.00 without prior approval from the Village Manager.

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco added his comments and answered the committee’s questions. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Adopt An Ordinance Establishing Prevailing Wages for Public Works in the Village of Hinsdale, Cook and DuPage Counties, Illinois Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Geoga stipulated his annual objection to this ordinance. Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amending Title 7 (“Public Ways and Property”) Chapter 2 (“Trees and Shrubs”), Section 7-2-2(“Planting and Removal”) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Regarding General Penalties for Ordinance Violations Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. During discussions Chairman LaPlaca and the Trustees suggested several changes to the ordinance. In general, the ordinance requires a \$5,000 permit fee for the removal of a tree if requested prior to obtaining any necessary building permits, a \$10,000 permit fee if requested after the issuance of any necessary building permits, and a \$25,000 permit fee if no permit is requested and a tree on public property is lost due to negligence of the property owner. In addition, the ordinance provides that all fees should go to a tree fund for new trees and maintenance of trees on public property. Trustee Saigh moved to approve the ordinance “as amended this evening”. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer