

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 14, 2013**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:36 P.M., Monday January 14, 2013, 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; Ralph Nikischer, Village Horticulturalist; and Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – November 12, 2012**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the November 12, 2012 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the November 12, 2012 minutes as revised. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resident Request For Parkway Tree Removal (637 N Washington).** Mr. Boshardt, 637 N. Washington Street, addressed the committee. Due to the safety issues associated with backing out of his driveway (short sight distance due to the hill and proximity to Ogden Avenue), Mr. Boshardt is proposing to construct a circular driveway. One proposed driveway entrance will be within feet of a 26" bur oak which Mr. Boshardt is requesting to remove. During discussions, the committee members understood the safety issues as this location. Chairman LaPlaca reviewed the latest tree ordinance and its impact on the current situation. Mr. Boshardt agreed to pay the \$5,000 fee for removing the tree; but, keep the tree in place to see if it could survive the driveway addition. He agreed to protect the tree during the driveway construction per the Village Arborist's recommendations which include providing root pruning. If the tree dies, Mr. Boshardt would have the tree removed and replaced, again, with guidance from the Village Arborist.

**Resident Request For Parkway Tree Removal (737 S Elm St.)** This request was postponed to the February EPS meeting. Chairman LaPlaca noted that the resident's application was submitted prior to the passage of the latest Tree Ordinance. Therefore, it will be addressed under the "pre-ordinance" rules.

### **Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco highlighted that little snow plowing time and little road salt has been used to date. This is due to the dry winter weather. Mr. Franco commented that, in the past several years, the Christmas garlands and wreaths have been turning brown before the season is over. He asked the committee for approval to investigate the use of artificial decorations. The committee agreed that Staff could investigate the issue noting that the appearance of the artificial decorations is an important consideration and the cost should not exceed 3.5 – 4 times the current decorating cost. Several committee members also stated that they were disappointed with this year's tree lights.

**Permission To Seek Bids, (Fuel, Sewer cleaning, Leak Detection, Elm& Ash Treatment, Tree Pruning and Tree Removal.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco noted that these are annual services in the budget. The committee directed staff to seek bids for these annual services.

**Notice Of the Integrated Pest Management Review (IPM) Set for the EPS Meeting on February 11.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco introduced the new Village Horticulturalist, Ralph Nikischer. The committee directed staff to present the IPM Review at the February EPS meeting.

**Business District Recycling (Discussion Item)** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco explained that some recycling containers have been located throughout the downtown area to test whether they will be used. Seven out of the eighteen locations were filled 10% or more when checked. During the discussion, Chairman LaPlaca noted three concerns with adding recycle bins in the downtown area. There are: 1) the bins need to be attractive (the current test bins are not attractive), 2) the bins should be located in places where they are used, and 3) they should not take up too much space. The committee directed Mr. Franco to investigate the cost and appearance of permanent recycle bins.

**Decorative Street Lamp Options for LED Conversion (Discussion Item)** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Some LED street lights have been installed in the vicinity of the downtown and Memorial Hall for the trustees and public's comment. Mr. Franco explained that the LED lamps should provide a "softer" light using less wattage. He did note that he was unable to detect a decrease in the energy usage from the limited sample size. After discussing the issue, Chairman LaPlaca directed that staff identify areas downtown where LED lamps can be installed to conduct a cost savings analysis.

### **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. IDOT has directed that the Oak Street Bridge

Phase II search for an engineering consultant will have to be conducted under the Qualification Based Selection (QBS) process. While this process differs from the proposal process used in the past, it will still provide the Village the ability to select the highest qualified consultant at a competitive price.

**Resident comments on stormwater management on the 300-block of N. Washington.** Mr. Ed Barrow, 319 N. Washington, addressed the committee concerning the historic stormwater drainage problems on this block. He noted that future public storm sewer in the public right of way should be located to allow connections by future private storm sewers. Staff has been aware of this localized drainage area and will take this issue into consideration during future storm sewer design.

**To Approve a Resolution for the 2012 Reconstruction Project Contract Change Order Number 3 in the Amount of \$109,280.05 Reduction to John Neri Construction Company, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter noted that the contractor and our resident engineer have conducted the final reconciliation for the project. This change order reflects the final costs for the project. The Village has a 10% warranty bond from the contractor which will be relinquished after the one year warranty period has passed and there are no punch list items. After discussions, Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the 2013 Resurfacing Project Design Services Contract Change Order Number 1 in the Amount of \$13,900.00 to Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter informed the committee that the 2013 Maintenance Project street resurfacing has been added to the 2013 Reconstruction or Resurfacing Projects depending on the proximity of the projects to the resurfaced streets. The 2013 Maintenance Project was combined with the resurfacing or reconstruction project to achieve the best pricing. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the 2013 Reconstruction Project Design Services Contract Change Order Number 1 in the Amount of \$22,100.00 to Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. This change order is occurring for the same reasons as mentioned for the 2013 Resurfacing Project Change Order Number 1 (above). Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of bid #1531 for the service of Turf Tractor replacement to Burris Equipment in the comparison bid amount of \$32,852.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco noted that the current turf tractor has served the Village since 1985 and needs to be

replaced. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Recommend to the Board of Trustees the award of bid #1532 for the service of Water Plant building I-Beam replacement to Dome Design Build in the amount of \$24,981.26 and the award of bid #1533 for the service of Water Plant Building Concrete Repairs to Dome Design Build in the bid amount of \$ 92,150.**  
Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco added his comments and answered the trustee's questions. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Geoga moved to adjourn. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer