

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2014**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:35 P.M., Monday March 10, 2014, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Gerald Hughes, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

Approval of Minutes – February 10, 2014

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the February 10, 2014 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca revised some wording concerning the 629 S. Garfield circular drive. Trustee Saigh noted two spelling errors. Trustee Haarlow motioned for approval of the revised February 10, 2014 minutes. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated Committee on the Village's salt supply which is approximately 100-125 tons and 60 tons of sand. Due to weather factors the \$60,000 budget for deicing chemicals is well over budget and currently at approximately \$90,652. The response to 23 water main breaks was noted as well. Contractual tree trimming has continued with crews completing the area north of Ogden Avenue and currently working in the area bounded by Jackson St. and Bodin St. on the east and west and Hinsdale Avenue and 55th St. to the north and south.

Trustee Hughes inquired how many tons of salt are utilized during normal operations. Mr. Franco stated that approximately 65 tons of salt are utilized during a snow event under 2 inches. Trustee Hughes noted that due to the limited availability of salt, its use has been reduced for the month. Mr. Franco concurred stating that to preserve current salt supply crews have only been salting main arterial roadways, feeder streets to Ogden Ave. & 55th Street, hills, and school zones.

Trustee Saigh noted that with the current thaw he has noticed several sump pump discharges which are causing ice on sidewalks and streets. He inquired if there is

anything the Village can do to alert builders to this issue. Mr. Deeter stated that during plan review options are investigated for locations of sump pump discharges. Also noted was that many of these locations are in areas of combined sewers where we are not allowed to discharge directly to the sewer main. Staff has been preparing a list of these locations and will present it to Committee at a future meeting. Trustee LaPlaca noted that homeowner maintenance of these areas should be researched while considering options, and noted that other towns use door hangers to alert homeowners of these types of discharges.

Vactor Repair Update

Mr. Franco provided Committee an update on previously approved repairs to the 1996 Vactor debris box. He noted that after sandblasting the steel is in poor condition which will not allow for coating of the tank. Staff physically inspected the tank and is in the process of receiving updated quotes for a new debris box which will be rebudgeted for FY 2014-15 due to the lead time for the tank to be fabricated.

Trustee Saigh inquired if the Vactor will be available during 2014. Mr. Franco stated that the unit is currently not available for use due to the inability to hold vacuum due to the holes in the box. Once final quotes are received, staff will present these to Committee for approval. Repairs will hopefully be completed by the end of June. Trustee LaPlaca noted that the equipment is not functional in its current condition.

Roadway Grinding and Patching

Mr. Franco updated Committee on the upcoming concerns Public Services has with the current status of roads and pothole patching operations, the 45 water main break restorations, and the effect on the grinding and resurfacing program. Additional funding from Committee was brought up to assist Public Service crews with the repairs.

Trustee LaPlaca commented that there are concerns about the conditions of roadways due to the winter season. One option that was suggested is to investigate a separate project to address roads damaged due to this winter's weather. Mr. Franco noted that due to road conditions, the grinding program needs additional resources to stay on track.

Trustee Hughes inquired if there is sufficient funding for road reconstruction; what are the effects from this years winter season; and are we facing additional costs due to the winter season accelerating the decline of streets? Mr. Deeter responded that the snow/ice/water certainly weaken roads, those which are in poor condition will see accelerated decay. Mr. Deeter also noted that road conditions will be checked during the next month and reported back to Committee. Trustee Hughes inquired if every road is closer to needing maintenance after the winter. Mr. Deeter responded that not necessarily every road and used Chestnut Street as an example of a road which has held up well to the conditions.

Trustee LaPlaca noted that after the assessment there may be revisions to the MIP. Staff should determine what can be done in house and what can be done to put roads back into good driving condition. Trustee LaPlaca and Hughes noted that the brick streets are in bad shape and should be included in the assessment. Mr. Deeter concurred. Trustee Hughes directed Mr. Deeter to make sure the assessment includes all considerations for the decision making process (i.e. road condition, water main condition, sewer system, etc).

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter updated the Committee on the engineering activities during the previous month. The Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility did experience an overflow on February 20th as a result of a 1.07-inch rain and frozen ground.

The Oak Street Bridge Phase 2 design team has been following the schedule provided in the committee's packet. There will be a public meeting on April 29th during the Village Board of Trustees' meeting to update the public on the bridge design progress. Chairman LaPlaca noted that a traffic meeting will be held either the week before or after spring break. Once the date is established, interested parties will receive notices from the Village.

Mr. Deeter informed the Committee that the Village will be contributing \$2,500 to the Busse Woods Dam modification design study to support flood control measures on Salt Creek.

To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way Situated South and Adjoining 746 W. Hinsdale Avenue at a Purchase Price of \$13,500.

Chairman LaPlaca provided summary information on this item. Mr. Deeter noted that the vacated portion of the alley will have a utility and drainage easement across it in case the Village needs to use the alley in the future for those purposes. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the Engineering Services for Construction Observation of the 2014 Reconstruction Project to James J. Benes & Associates the Amount Not to Exceed \$151,883.00.

Chairman LaPlaca summarized the agenda item noting that Benes had provide the design engineering for this project. It is the Village's practice to award the construction observation to the same consultant for continuity. And, Benes has honored the construction observation costs that were presented last year as part of their design proposal. Mr. Deeter provided an updated copy of the Benes proposal to the Committee

to correct some typographical errors. After some discussion, Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the 2014 Reconstruction Project to John Neri Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$3,638,571.00.

Mr. Deeter summarized the bidding process that culminated in John Neri Construction being identified as the lowest responsible bidder. Chairman LaPlaca asked if there would be an opportunity to add streets to the contract that were damaged during this winter. Mr. Deeter and Mr. Nick Neri, President of John Neri Construction, said we would be able to add additional roads that are in close proximity to the project.

Chairman LaPlaca asked if John Neri could handle the two construction projects at once. Mr. Neri discussed his company's capabilities, their plan for conducting the construction, and John Neri Construction's good performance during the 2012 Reconstruction Project. He was confident that they can provide good service to the Village on both these projects.

With no further questions, Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the Engineering Services for Construction Observation of the Woodlands Phase 2 Project to HR Green, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$179,360.00.

Chairman LaPlaca summarized the agenda item noting that HR Green had provide the design engineering for this project, it is the Village's practice to award the construction observation to the same consultant for continuity, and HR Green has honored the construction observation costs presented last year with their design proposal. Mr. Scott Creech from HR Green stated he was comfortable with their proposal if the contractor completes his work on time.

Chairman LaPlaca noted that there was some additional cost in the Woodlands Phase 1 due to problems with the landscaping sub-contractor. She asked if this issue is being looked at. Mr. Creech and Mr. Deeter have been discussing the landscaping issue with John Neri Construction during Phase 2.

Chairman LaPlaca asked Mr. Creech if he felt that John Neri was capable of doing this construction work. Mr. Creech stated that John Neri had provided good service during the 2012 N. Washington Reconstruction project. Additionally, Neri was well under the IDOT total project value that John Neri Construction could handle in a year. For these reasons, he felt they could provide good service to the Village on this project.

With no further questions, Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the Woodlands Phase 2 Construction Project to John Neri Construction Company, Inc. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$3,118,004.75.

Chairman LaPlaca summarized the agenda item. With not questions, Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

50/50 Sidewalk Program Motion: To Approve A Resolution for Maintenance of Streets and Highways by Municipalities under the Illinois Highway Code.

Mr. Deeter summarized this resolution to appropriate the budgeted funds for the annual 50/50 sidewalk program. He reminded residents that if sidewalks were damaged by parkway tree roots, then the Village would pay for the repair 100%. If the sidewalk was damaged due to any other reason, the cost would be split 50/50 between the Village and the resident. The deadline for resident submittals is April 16, 2014. With not questions, Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the award of bid #1553 for custodial services year 1 to All Cleaners Inc. in the amount of \$64,392.

Mr. Franco provided summary information on this item noting that the low bid received was from All Cleaners in Willowbrook, IL. Staff has contacted two references with favorable results. Also noted was that this is a two year contract; however, the RBA is only for year 1. After some questions, Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Hughes 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 8:34 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer