

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2014**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:38 P.M., Monday, October 13, 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: Kathleen Gargano, Village Manager; Suzanne Ostrovsky, Management Analyst; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tom Bueser, Assistant Director of Public Services; Ralph Nikischer, Village Horticulturalist; John Finnell, Village Arborist; Dan Deeter P.E., Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – September 8, 2014**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the September 8, 2014 meeting. Trustee Hughes asked that the subject matter of the Public Comments section should be clarified. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the September 8, 2014 minutes. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco asked if the committee had any questions concerning the Public Services Monthly Report. Mr. Franco answered Trustee Haarlow's questions concerning the security cameras at Burns Field.

**Proposed Parkway Tree Removal at 407 North Quincy Street**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Christopher Bart and Mr. Peter Cramer addressed the committee. Mr. Finnell described the tree, its condition and location. After some discussion regarding the uneven condition of the tree, the grade of the property and the spacing of the tree with other healthier parkway trees, Chairman LaPlaca recommended removal of the Colorado blue spruce tree with the resident paying the \$5,000 removal fee. The committee unanimously agreed.

**Proposed Parkway Tree Removal at 521 North County Line Road**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Matt Sorem addressed the committee concerning their desire to remove the Colorado blue spruce parkway tree. After some discussion regarding the location of the tree at or near the property line and its uneven condition, the committee unanimously approved the removal of the tree. The committee directed staff to determine if a sidewalk is required in the parkway. If a sidewalk is required, then the resident will not have to pay the removal fee. If no sidewalk is required, then the resident will have to pay the removal fee.

**Proposed Parkway Tree Removal at 536 North Vine Street.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Satish Vayuvegulaare and Ms. Cindy Brooks addressed the committee concerning their desire to remove this Catalpa parkway tree. After some discussion, the committee agreed additional information on required driveway set-backs and proposed grading in the parkway was needed. The committee deferred a decision and requested the residents work with staff on possible solutions to the driveway layout that would not require the removal of the parkway tree.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Design of the Graue Mill Flood Protection Improvements to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$348,402.21.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided some background. Mr. Thomas Burke, Ph.D., P.E. from Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. addressed the committee concerning Burke Engineering's experience and anticipated design and coordination efforts for the design phase of the project. Mr. John Donecker from the Graue Mills Homeowners Association addressed the committee concerning the Association's satisfaction with Burke Engineering performance. Mr. Deeter addressed questions from the committee. After discussion, Trustee Hughes moved "To Award the Engineering Services for Design of the Graue Mill Flood Protection Improvements to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$348,402.21" with the condition that the item be considered by the board as a normal agenda item, not a consent item. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Commonwealth Edison Presentation related to Storm Hardening (Transformer Relocation – No Documents Attached)**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Ms. Gargano noted that this issue was being presented to the committee to make trustees aware of Commonwealth Edison's (ComEd's) efforts within the Village. Terrie Simmons and other ComEd employees addressed the committee concerning the need for storm hardening and ComEd's plans to accomplish this by burying ComEd wires and constructing ground mounted transformers in an area bounded by Hinsdale Avenue, Monroe Street, 55<sup>th</sup> Street, and Adams Street (ComEd area W3607). This area was chosen because of the high volume of outages experienced by those residents. Mr. Bill Taylor from Premier Engineering, an

engineering consultant to ComEd, answered questions from the committee. ComEd will be notifying customers in the affected area by letter regarding the details and timing of the project.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter highlighted portions of the Engineering Monthly Report:

- Flagg Creek Water Reclamation District (FCWRD) has been conducting sewer maintenance project in the southern parkway of 55<sup>th</sup> Street between Quincy and Monroe. After doing spot repairs, the contractor must televise and line the sewer. This will require periodic, temporary lane closures until the end of the year. Due to the potential for temporary lane closures, residents are advised to find alternate routes if possible.
- Staff's recommendation for the Oak Street Bridge street lighting was presented. After some discussion, the committee asked for a cost comparison between the proposed lights and the existing lighting in the central business district.
- Mr. Deeter explained staff's summary of the costs to bury overhead utility lines. The committee approved removal/burial of lines south of the bridge. They asked for more information for burying a portion of the lines north of the bridge.

### **To Approve a Resolution for the 2014 Roadway & Utility Improvement Project Construction Contract Change Order Number 2 in the Amount Not To Exceed \$122,067.00 Addition to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided background information on this item. After discussion, Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way Situated East and Adjoining 713 S. Monroe Street at a Purchase Price of \$11,500.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided background information. With no questions, Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Other Business**

**Update on Emerald Ash Borer.** Chairman LaPlaca asked Mr. Finnell how the Village addresses dead or dying trees on private property. Mr. John Finnell explained that Staff is providing information to residents so that the residents can be proactive about addressing the EAB infestation on ash trees on their private property. Once the Village notifies a resident of a dead, hazardous tree, residents have 30-days to remove the tree per the Village code. The committee recommended updating the Channel 6 presentation

to include trees in different stages of infestation so that residents can better understand the condition of their trees. In response to Trustee Saigh's question Mr. Finnell stated that the Village cannot extend the Village's contract removal price to trees on private property. This is because of the difficulty of accessing trees on private property. In response to Trustee Haarlow's question Mr. Finnell stated that the Village treated just over 420 ash trees last year.

**Village (Burlington) Parking Lot Planting Beds.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Ralph Nikischer addressed the committee about completing the parking lot planting beds in FY 2014-15 rather than waiting until they are scheduled in the Capital Plan. After some discussion, the committee was in favor of completing the planting beds earlier.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Hughes seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter, P.E.  
Village Engineer