

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
MARCH 1, 2007**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Figurski called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call were Trustees Figurski, Bowman, Pelletier, and Tuman. Also present were Administrator Osten, Superintendent of Streets and Parks Huizinga, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Hughes, Village Consulting Engineer Plant, and Treasurer Toppel.

**APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 1, 2007 MINUTES**

*Trustee Tuman made a motion to approve the February 1, 2007 meeting minutes.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Pelletier and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**VISITORS/RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

None present at this time.

**ARREARS ACCOUNT REPORT**

Treasurer Toppel stated that there were thirty-five accounts that were scheduled for shut-off Monday because letters were sent to the whole Village instead of only half of the Village. At this time two accounts are still off for non-payment.

**STREETS AND PARKS**

Trustee Figurski asked if any one had any questions on the monthly progress report. Items discussed:

- ..Repairs on garage building.
- ..Storm drain problems at Algonquin Road School.

**Sidewalk Snow Violations**

Huizinga reported that there were eight business snow violations for the last snowfall and four are due this week, one has paid. Huizinga also has removed a home on North River from the violation list because its not a business. Huizinga also took pictures yesterday of more snow violations.

Trustee Tuman asked Huizinga to consider snowplowing the intersections differently so residents would not have to shovel large amounts of snow from sidewalks. Huizinga said he would try.

### **Train Station Cleaning Log**

Union Pacific now cleans the train station Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. Huizinga is including the train station condition in the daily logs.

### **New Hire**

Huizinga offered the job to an applicant but he refused the job due to low salary. He has received some applications this week and will review.

### **Ordinance: Mailbox Prohibition**

*Trustee Figurski made a recommendation to the Village Board to approve an ordinance amending Chapter eighteen section 18-20 prohibiting brick mailboxes on parkways after Attorney Rosenthal reviews the Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pelletier and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.*

### **Victoria Woods Boundary Markers**

Huizinga asked if the Trustees looked at the Victoria Woods boundary markers that are on the two lots in front and it was decided he would remove four pole boundary markers and saw cut the sidewalk as a marker instead of the poles.

### **Backhoe Bids**

Huizinga reviewed the bids on the backhoe and he will demo a couple next week. The Committee recommended that Huizinga have his recommendation to the Finance Committee for the meeting March 8<sup>th</sup>.

### **Other Streets & Parks items discussed:**

..Huizinga is also looking into FRG joining out-of state purchasing co-ops so he can have better prices for some equipment for the new Streets & Parks garage.

..Resident's letter about the good job of snow plowing our Village does compared to other communities in the area.

### **WATER AND SEWER**

Trustee Figurski asked if anyone had any questions on the monthly progress report for Water and Sewer. Items Discussed:

..The U.S. EPA will be conducting a training workshop for inspectors at our water treatment facilities March 12-14.

..Frozen water service line from the WWTP to 1200 Hillcrest

which has been connected for many years and solving the problem will cost \$1,500.

**W & S Extensions Pending**

Hughes informed the Committee that the following properties will connect to either water or sewer or both this year or next: the house next to the water tower because their septic is failing, Lincoln & Bayview, Johnson Street, and the three lots on Norge Parkway Phase II.

**HazMat Inspections & Violations**

At this time, there are no changes from last month on the three businesses waiting for action letters or plan review. Corty's property has emptied the fuel tank and waiting for it to be removed.

**Sludge Storage Options**

Hughes is researching the options for either a sludge storage building on site, land application further south, removal to a land fill, or hauler building own storage building which ever would be most cost effective for the Village. At this time, Hughes received a price of \$240,000 for a sludge storage building on site.

**PARK COMMISSION**

**Budget Requests**

Huizinga informed the Committee that the Park Commission met last week and are happy with Huizinga's budget request for the parks.

Osten informed the Committee that Cindy Cramer is preparing a fund raising letter for the Hunter's Farm Park Equipment.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**

**Projects Status Report**

No questions were asked about the project status report.

**Pavement Condition Survey**

Baxter & Woodman recommend doing a pavement condition survey every five years and Trustee Pelletier would like to see it more often, if possible. Trustee Pelletier will help train Streets & Parks Department to update the survey in between surveys. Osten informed the Committee that this item is in the budget for next year.

**Phase II Status**

Engineer Plant stated that the UV system is up and running. The contractor is waiting for delivery of equipment. Hughes also stated that the UV system is using less power than expected.

**FEMA UPDATE**

Engineer Plant gave a new estimate for the FEMA formal request for the new floodplain maps with elevations. The cost would be \$2,900 by reducing the number of meetings held. *Trustee Figurski made a motion to approve the Baxter & Woodman bid for the FEMA formal map revisions not to exceed \$2,900.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Pelletier and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Green Ideas**

The Green Ideas will be discussed next month.

**Other items discussed:**

..Osten will talk to ComEd about a triangle shaped piece of property in their easement that we would like to use for water & sewer storage.

..Apartment owner Ramon Cuevas asked Osten about installing curbs in front of his three apartment buildings on Lincoln. Osten advised him that the Village could not afford to do so and suggested he talk to his neighbors about their willingness to pool their properties and redevelop them. Curbs work would be included in any major redevelopment.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Trustee Figurski made a motion to adjourn at 8:35.* Trustee Bowman seconded and it was approved by a voice vote of all yes votes.

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Duane M. Figurski, Chairman

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Penny Toppel, Secretary

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Date Approved