

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**APRIL 5, 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, Ass't. Superintendent of Streets & Parks Reese, Superintendent of Water & Sewer Hughes, Engineer Thomas, and Village Treasurer Toppel.

**APPROVAL OF MARCH 1, 2007 MINUTES**

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

**VISITORS/RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

Julie and Dave Dunmeyer were inquiring about the sewer connection fees for their property on Doyle Road. The recommendation from the staff was that the connection fee would be treated as one commercial connection fee and be \$4,785 with the conditions that: it's billed as two units, if the property is ever subdivided each building would need a separate sewer connection and an additional sewer connection fee would be required, and the fees for the addition of Village water or change in use of the parcel shall comply with the then current fees and requirements. *Trustee Figurski made a motion to approve the connection fee as recommended by staff.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Pelletier and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

Robert Blau of 1212 Hillcrest for twenty-three years is concerned that the wastewater plant is being used at maximum capacity. Mr. Blau also wanted to know why we were taking sludge into the plant because it was causing an odor problem and why sludge was being dumped into our sewers. Trustee Figurski

thanked Mr. Blau on his presentation and asked Engineer Thomas to answer the questions. Thomas stated that we are not near capacity and explained what our plant was designed for and also explained why we were taking in sludge from just one hauler and how we monitor and keep a close eye on our system. At this time Hughes is looking into different options for reducing the odors from the plant and will be trying different methods by the middle of next week. Thomas also explained why we were taking treated wastewater from Wynstone Property Owners at this time and it is only short term.

Residents Evelyn Blau and Matt Perkins were also concerned about the odors at the Wastewater Plant.

Jim Schroeder and Scott Immens of Norge Ski Club inquired about the flooding of the Norge's 20 acres of property behind Stonehill Center. The property was walked a few years ago by the Village, Marty Knapp, and Thomas. The culvert on private property is blocked and Attorney Rosenthal is looking to see if the Village can do anything. An engineering study for Victoria Woods will be done this coming year and it might help the flooding. It is likely a private matter between two property owners.

#### **ARREARS ACCOUNT REPORT**

Treasurer Toppel stated that the arrears are not yet ready.

#### **WATER AND SEWER**

Trustee Figurski asked if anyone had any questions on the monthly progress report for Water and Sewer. None at this time.

#### **WWTP Odor Complaints**

Discussed in Residents' Comments.

#### **9417 & 9419 Doyle Road - Sewer Connection Fee**

Discussed in Residents' Comments.

#### **IEPA Grayhill Report**

The IEPA report for Grayhill has been received and a copy is at the Village Hall for review. All the private wells are clear which is an improvement from the 1980's.

#### **Other Water & Sewer Items Discussed:**

The sanitary sewer manhole rehabilitation is in progress with two crews from Advance Underground Inspection. Route 14 will be done this weekend when there is less traffic.

Trustee Tuman inquired about the Barrington Hills Agreement for the police antenna and boundaries agreement. Osten informed the Committee that Barrington Hills has agreed to separate the Agreement into two.

### **STREETS AND PARKS**

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

- ..Railroad ties dumped at Lion's Park, which we removed.
- ..50/50 sidewalk program and how it works.
- ..There are seven brick mailboxes.

### **Snowplowing 101**

Reese explained how the cul-u-sacs were plowed for snow and why it is done that way. Evelyn Blau stated that our roads were plowed the best in the area and complimented the Village for a job well done. Trustee Tuman again asked about intersections snow removal blocking the sidewalks. Toppel suggested an article for the newsletter asking residents with snow-blowers to help with the sidewalks at intersections.

### **New Hire**

Huizinga informed the Committee that a letter was been sent to a new hire and if he passes all the testing, he will start in about two or three weeks and Streets & Parks will be fully staffed.

### **Bucket Truck Purchase - \$52,000**

*Trustee Figurski made a motion to forward to Finance Committee a recommendation to purchase a used bucket truck not to exceed \$52,000. The motion was seconded by Trustee Pelletier and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.*

### **PARK COMMISSION**

#### **Hunter's Farm Field Use**

Osten informed the committee that the Rec Council has offered a non-FRG soccer team use of the Hunter's Farm field on Sundays and Fridays for a \$50 fee each time to cover maintenance costs.

### **Park Fundraising**

The Park Commission is planning a fundraiser at Picnic Grove Park and Osten asked if they could move it to Norge for better control. The Committee thought this was a good idea.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER**  
**Wynstone Effluent**

Thomas stated that he did not know how much longer we would be asked to accept Wynstone effluent and explained that the home-owners board and golf course board were at odds with each other. Hopefully they can reach an agreement but in the meantime it's great revenue for the Village.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Moving Beyond Congestion**

The RTA Board is discussing raising sales tax ¼% to help fund Moving Beyond Congestion.

**Harbor Team**

Osten informed the Committee that the Harbor Team has applied for a dredging permit and once that has been scheduled they can begin bank stabilization on both sides of the peninsula up to the beach.

**S & P Garage Status**

The Streets & Parks Garage Committee's next meeting will be Tuesday at 1:30 to discuss site plan, office plan, and design. A letter will be sent to the residents of Welch's Subdivision explaining our plans for the Streets & Parks Garage.

**Others Items Discussed:**

The flooding on Doyle Road and Welch's Subdivision was caused by Preferred Development's project on Route 22 blocking the drainage route. Addressing this has taken a great deal of staff time.

The Parking Ordinance for "no parking" on a portion of South River Road is on the Board Agenda this month.

**ADJOURNMENT**

*Trustee Figurski made a motion to adjourn at 9:12 p.m.* 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