

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
SEPTEMBER 2, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Ireland 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 Ireland, Blohm, Knar, and Tuman. Also present at roll call were Village President Nunamaker, Administrator Osten, Supt. of Streets & Parks Huizinga, Engineer Thomas, and Treasurer Toppel.

APPROVAL OF August 5, 2010 MINUTES

Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve the August 5, 2010 meeting minutes. Trustee Blohm seconded and the motion was approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

VISITOR/RESIDENTS COMMENTS

None at this time.

ARREARS ACCOUNT REPORT

Toppel reported that forty-one letters have been sent and the shutoff date is Monday, September 13th. Trustee Ireland requested that we mark which ones are vacant. Trustee Knar asked if we could put into the letters of people making payments the end date, so they don't take advantage of the situation and keep it going on forever. Trustee Ireland said that our history shows that the arrears list is increasing.

STREETS & PARKS

S&P/Parks Commission Update

Trustee Ireland asked if anyone had questions on the monthly progress report.

~ Getting prices for stripping at RR crossings and will have prices for the Finance meeting, so far Superior has the lowest bid of \$4,600 but waiting for more quotes.

~ Northwest Asphalt will be doing patching.

Huizinga reported on the Park Commission and items discussed were a possible bluegrass or younger band before the fireworks, car show made \$275 even with the bad weather and the Chamber is thinking about making the joint event a week later. The Park Commission would also like more money for repair and capital items. After a discussion, it was decided to start thinking of creating a space and start with swings at Hunter's Farm Park and do the park in stages. Huizinga will start working on different options. Another item is more parking at Picnic Grove Park.

New Hire Status

Huizinga reported that phone interviews are in process and after that in-person interviews will be conducted. A new employee should be hired in either November or December.

Steve Beyer will be moving with his new job and a new member of the Park Commission will be needed.

Kids Care Court Sealing

The sealing at Kids Care Court is completed. Trustee Tuman is not happy with the job and the time it took to complete. The parking lots were done in April and the Kids Care Court not done until day before the deadline. After a discussion, we might have to have specifications for sealing Kids Care Court and also if we knew the quantity used.

Sign Purchase - \$5,000

Osten said that we purchased the hiv-vi school signs for over \$5,000 and to hold off on the street signs program until next budget year but it needs to be completed by 2018.

Trustee Knar asked Huizinga what size trailers we have and the Rec Council might need to move some soccer goals from Norge Park to ARS. Huizinga said we would help the Rec Council, if needed.

WATER & SEWER

Trustee Ireland asked if anyone had questions on the monthly progress report.

Ordinance: Haz Chemicals

Trustee Ireland made a motion to the Board to approve the ordinance amending Chapter 23, Article IX Groundwater Protection Regulations - Chemical Substance Controls, adding listed in

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Appendix A of 40 C.F.R. Part 355: And Hazardous Substance listed in 40 C.F.R. Section 302.4 instead of listing all the chemicals.

The motion was seconded by Trustee Knar and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

511-513 Opatrny Sewer Replacement

Huizinga reported that the 511-513 Opatrny sewer replacement problem has been investigated and we have a busted pipe to repair.

Reeves Drive Part, Flo Lo Corp - \$1,850

Trustee Blohm made a motion to the Finance Committee approve the purchase of parts to rebuilt one of the Reeves drives in the wastewater treatment plant from Flolo Corporation in the amount not to exceed \$1,850. The motion was seconded by Trustee Knar and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT

10/11 Road Program, Status

Thomas reported that the contractor found a site for the soil without any additional cost to the Village. The road program is coming along nicely. Hillcrest and Grove have been paved and the program should be completed before the end of the year.

Blower Grants, Status

Thomas informed the Committee they have received approvals for both grants for the high efficiency blower and the paperwork must be completed before May 15, 2011. Equipment must be ordered shortly because it has a long lead-time and the cost to the Village will be \$11,300. A timeline will be done by the October Public Works Meeting.

ITEP Grant, Status

The ITEP grant for Route 14 streetscape was submitted Monday.

Lake County Permit, Detention Pond

The permit for the detention pond at our garage site is being prepared and will be submitted by September 17th. Thomas said it will take about a month but we would not receive until December and no work would be done until spring.

Osten said that a bill has been approved for payment by Baxter & Woodman for the Road Program it will go to the Finance Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

Emergency/event Access: Ski Hill to Gardner

Thomas said that a quick estimate for an emergency road between Ski Hill and Gardner that Osten asked about. It would cost at least \$30,000 and that's just for a gravel road. This is just a FYI.

E- Box Recycling Drop-Off

Osten talked with two of the four vendors and Waste Management would charge us \$800 and Com-two said no fees and they would like to do an event. "Lionfest" would be a good event for drop-off. The Trustees agreed no drop-box and have a one-day event, maybe at spring clean-up. Osten will contact the other vendors.

Trustee Knar asked the other Trustees for only a yes or no answer and he will explain later. Did you know that the first five years of the 3.1M debt certificate, we are only paying interest? All three Trustees said no. Trustee Knar said that he believes that this is a lack of transparency since this wasn't discussed in an open meeting and he asked Administrator Osten and Finance Chair Menzel to explain why we are doing it because the interest is paid on the principle. Osten responded and said he would get back to him. Trustee Knar also believes that this should have been a decision by the Trustees and not the Financial Planner and Administrator. He also inquired if we are not paying the principal, why are we transferring the total tax recapture fee. President Nunamaker said that it was done because we have five years left of the 2006 Debt Certificate and this would level out the debt instead of being heavy at the beginning. Another question was, can we pay down the principal sooner and what are our options now. This will be discussed further at either the Board or Finance Meeting.

A special Board Meeting will be held on Monday, September 13th at 6:30 p.m. Resident Kayler in the audience asked if this was another secret meeting. Trustee Tuman called him ridiculous and said he was sick and tired of the "under the breath" comments.

ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Ireland made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. Trustee Knar seconded and it was approved by a voice vote of all yes votes.

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Michael R. Ireland, Chairperson

Penny Toppel, Secretary

Date Approved