

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

**CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Ireland called the Public Works Committee Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. at the Village Hall.

**ROLL CALL**

Present at roll call were Trustees Michael Ireland, Suzanne Blohm, Joanna Colletti and Michael Schiestel. Also present at roll call were Village Administrator Art Osten, Superintendent of Public Works Jon Huizinga, Engineer Larry Thomas, and Secretary Denise Hammer. In the audience was Village President Bob Nunamaker.

**APPROVAL OF AUGUST 4, 2011 MINUTES**

*Trustee Schiestel made a motion to approve the August 4, 2011 meeting minutes.* The motion was seconded by Trustee Colletti and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**VISITOR/RESIDENTS COMMENTS**

No residents signed in.

**PUBLIC WORKS**

**Public Works Report**

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

~ Trustee Blohm questioned why the Village was not contacted when the County discovered a mosquito with West Nile Virus in a Fox River Grove catch basin. It was noted that McHenry County had the information on their website but the Village was not notified. Trustee Ireland stated that he felt that this was a lack of communication on the County's part and that at a minimum, the Village as well as the trustees should have been made aware. Superintendent Huizinga will follow-up with the County. Discussion ensued regarding the fact that spraying for mosquitoes is only effective if the mosquitoes fly through the spray and that the most effective way to treat the spread of mosquitoes is to treat the catch basins and kill the larvae. Trustee Ireland asked Supt.

Huizinga for action steps in re-treating catch basins if necessary.

~ Superintendent Huizinga explained that the Village has between 540-500 storm drain structures and that the Village cleans all of them once/year as well as perform any maintenance if needed. The current status is that there are 20 left to inspect and 5 have been identified as needing some maintenance.

~ Superintendent Huizinga explained that the electricity was the issue on why the alarm and generator at the Village Hall did not go off during the latest storm.

~ Trustee Blohm inquired on whether County Line has been inspected and Superintendent Huizinga answered yes.

### **Parks Master Plan**

~ Superintendent Huizinga said that the Kids Care Court, Algonquin Road Park and Spring Creek will be the next parks to be reviewed. The next Park Commission meeting is scheduled for September 6, 2011. There are approximately 4 parks remaining to complete including Maple, Lions and Picnic Grove.

~ Trustee Colletti discussed that there is a parcel of land at the intersection of Braeburn, Old Hunt and Plum Tree that is slated for a park like setting. Barrington Hills, McHenry County Conservation and Fox River Grove will all be included in the development of this property.

~ Superintendent Huizinga explained that a Water Shed Plan includes putting a plan together to have a better chance of getting state funds.

### **2011 Road Program Update**

Huizinga informed the Committee that all of the manholes have been raised. Status is as follows:

9/6/11 - Curbs to be completed

9/12/11 - Asphalt Service

9/14/11 - Shoulder Stone

The delay in completing the program is due to NICOR maintenance being done on the same roads. A notice regarding the delay will be sent to the affected residents.

### **Sanitary Sewer Manhole Repairs**

Superintendent Huizinga reviewed with the Committee the prices for the manhole lining that Assistant Superintendent Zintl recommended. Recommendation was to use Advanced Underground Inspection at \$95 per vertical foot. **Trustee Colletti made a**

***motion to approve the project at \$95 per vertical foot not to exceed \$10,000.*** The motion was seconded by Trustee Schiestel and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**B & W 2011 Road Repair Program**

***Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve payment of \$12,407 to Baxter and Woodman.*** The motion was seconded by Trustee Schiestel and approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**B & W PW Site Improvements**

Trustee Blohm stated that some of the services listed were not included in the original budget. Engineer Thomas responded that the current expenses only included grading the site and that periodic inspections were left to do. ***Trustee Ireland made a motion to approve payment of \$11,203.40 to Baxter and Woodman.*** The motion was seconded by Trustee Blohm approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

**ADDITIONAL PUBLIC WORKS ISSUES**

~ Trustee Ireland stated that a resident complained to the Police Department that a large number of branches were stacked along Beachway which caused sight problems for the residents that lived in the apartment complex and would the Public Works Dept. consider moving up the chipping schedule to remove the branches that were causing the sight problems. Superintendent Huizinga stated that Public Works would address first thing on Tuesday (9/6).

~ Administrator Osten stated that he will call AT&T to fix the telephone wire that is hanging close to the ground prior to Lionsfest scheduled for 9/10/11.

~ Trustee Schiestel acknowledged the commendation letter that Village President Nunamaker received regarding Superintendent Huizinga and noted that these were nice letters to receive.

**VILLAGE ENGINEER'S REPORT**

**2010 Road Program, Final Payment; Schroeder Asphalt - \$**

Engineer Thomas said that they have not received the paperwork for the final pay request for Schroeder Asphalt for the 2010/2011 Road Program which is approximately \$16,000.

**Public Works Site Grading, Update**

Engineer Thomas reported that some trees had been removed, the well has been removed, topsoil has been removed and granular soil has been dumped. Engineer Thomas is not happy with the silt fence and Superintendent Huizinga will investigate. The tree line has been left intact. However, local residents are harassing the contractor's employees. The FRG Police Dept are responding but no one has been caught as of yet. The contractor is contemplating pressing charges. It was noted that "No Trespassing" signs are present on Doyle Rd. Trustee Ireland suggested additional "No Trespassing" signs be posted. Administrator Osten stated he will follow up with Chief Lukasik to see what else could be done.

Village President Nunamaker reported that he had attended a hearing at the Lake County Courthouse where a resident had claimed that the land had been cleared. When the judge asked the lawyer if building had started, he stated that the land had been cleared for proper drainage and that no building had started and the judge responded that this was fine. Trustee Ireland suggested that Engineer Thomas attend future court hearings.

**Fox Water Sampling**

Sampling will be done in the Spring. Recommendation was to discuss this topic at the November meeting.

**Blower Installation**

Engineer Thomas reported that delivery of the high efficiency blower that was supposed to be delivered in August is now scheduled to be delivered in November. This project needs to be completed by March in order to have the grant cover the cost. The installation will be done inside and the weather will not be a factor. Trustee Ireland suggested calling the manufacturer to mention our disappointment in our decision to go with them and that they need to deliver the blower ASAP.

**Additional Engineer Issues**

Water Tower work will begin next week. This work is being coordinated with additional work being done by AT&T. The work on the Water Tower needs to be completed by the end of September in order to not lose the grant funding. The Fire District is aware of the status of this project.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

**Holiday Lighting**

A budget of \$3200 went to the Finance committee. Three out of four people on the Finance committee made a recommendation to not decorate the tree at the METRA Station. This recommendation was made to the Village Board at the Board meeting and the decision was made to move the decision back to the PW committee. Tim Mahaffey approved having the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Algonquin Road School (ARS). Trustee Schiestel suggested not decorating the tree at the METRA Station and instead having local organizations decorate the trees at ARS. Discussion pursued regarding which trees to decorate. Trustee Ireland suggested tabling the discussion until next month's meeting. Trustee Blohm stated that Trustee Menzel suggested that the Village just stick to decorating the light poles and street poles.

**Right-of-Way (ROW) Parking Pads**

Consensus with the Village Board was to keep the existing ordinance with minor changes. The minor changes were reviewed by the committee. The Village Attorney has also reviewed the changes. Trustee Ireland suggested giving residents in violation of the ordinance a notice in January 2012 and give them until 2013 to comply. This would give residents time to raise the necessary funds to build their parking pad. Decision was made that residents would be given one year till October 2012 to comply with the modified ordinance. Trustee Schiestel suggested taking out any mention of fees in the Ordinance and that the Village Inspector would be used instead of any independent contractor to inspect and approve of the parking pads. It was decided that the building permit fees would be: \$50 for pads and \$100 for driveways. Engineer Thomas recommended that a 25' x 9' maximum size be stipulated for the parking pads and that a minimum of 10" culvert pipe would be required. ***Trustee Schiestel made a motion to move the proposed ordinance changes to the Village Board for approval.*** Trustee Colletti seconded and it was approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes. Administrator Osten will update the Ordinance with the proposed changes and will forward a copy to all the trustees.

**Street Parking**

Chairman Ireland suggested tabling this topic until the ROW parking pads ordinance is review by the board.

**Other**

Trustee Colletti asked if FRG had signs regarding cell phone use in school zones. Superintendent Huizinga responded that the Village does not. Administrator Osten will follow up with Chief Lukasik. Chairman Ireland said he will bring this issue up at the Public Health and Safety committee meeting.

A question was raised on whether residents can put up a wind generator. A response was given that the Village has height restrictions and that this would prevent residents from putting up a wind generator.

**ADJOURNMENT**

***Chairman Ireland made a motion to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.*** Trustee Schiestel seconded and it was approved by a roll call vote of four yes votes.

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Michael R. Ireland, Chairperson

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Denise Hammer, Secretary

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Date Approved