

## VILLAGE OF HINSDALE

### ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2010

#### MEMORIAL HALL

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 6:00 P.M., Tuesday February 16, 2010, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

PRESENT: Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee Doug Geoga, Trustee Kim Angelo, Trustee Bob Saigh

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; George Franco, Director of Public Services; David Cook, Village Manager; Robert McGinnis, Acting Director of Community Development; John Finnell, Village Forester; Dan Hopkins, Village Horticulturists; Tom Bueser, Assistant Director of Public Services.

#### **Approval of Minutes – January 11, 2010**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 11, 2010 meeting. Minor changes were addressed and changed. Trustee Angelo motioned for approval of the January 11, 2010 minutes as corrected. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Public Services Monthly Report**

Trustee Saigh questioned if 6-inch water mains are newer in the Village and if this was a normal event for these types of mains to be breaking. Mr. Franco stated these water mains are between 25 and 30 years old. The Village is actively trying to replace older 4 and 6-inch mains with 8-inch water mains as roads are replaced.

Chairman LaPlaca questioned why Public Services used more salt and less of every other material to help clear snow from the streets. Mr. Franco stated salt is slightly cheaper this year compared to the prices of other materials. He has received many complaints from residents regarding the lack of salt on the roads during previous snowfalls.

## **Business District Planting Beds**

Chairman LaPlaca provided background information regarding the proposed plans for planting in the business district. She noted that a budget has not been passed by the Board. Therefore, she questioned if this item could be approved tonight. Trustee Geoga stated he was confident that this line item in the budget would stay roughly the same once the budget was approved. General discussion took place over the different plant options. The EPS Committee unanimously chose option 3 and directed staff to seek bids on this option.

## **Integrated Pest Management (IPM) Report**

Dan Hopkins, IPM Coordinator, provided information regarding the Village IPM Policy. He explained how parks are tested, types of fertilizers used, seeding techniques, planting rotations, emerald ash and Gypsy moth protection, mosquito abatement, and how the evaluation of the IPM is measured. Trustee Saigh questioned how far the Village is behind on public tree plantings. Mr. Finnell stated the Village will be behind about 200 tree plantings if no new trees are planted this year.

A Village resident expressed her concerns with the use of pesticides in the Village. She stated the side effects associated with the spraying of pesticides are dangerous. She urged the Village to use organic fertilizers throughout the Village and to promote the use of organic fertilizers on private property. Trustee Saigh stated that this packet was very informative and asked if this information should be listed on the Village website. He also suggested it should be discussed at a future Beautification Task Force meeting.

Another Village resident praised the Village staff for their hard work; but, expressed her concerns with the use of pesticide applications. She discussed opportunities for the Village to become more efficient without spending any additional funds.

Chairman LaPlaca directed that the IPM information should be placed on the Village website. Contact information should be provided if any resident has questions regarding this report. Trustee Angelo motioned for the committee to accept the 2010 IPM Report. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Engineering Monthly Report**

### **Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility Update**

Mr. Deeter stated training will begin for Village operators soon and the facility is nearing operational completion.

### **2009 Road Program Update – Garfield Road Improvements**

Mr. Deeter stated a public meeting was held for residents and business owners outlining the project scope and detour routes. Project information is available on the Village website. Mailings have been sent to residents that will be affected by the construction. He also mentioned the staff is preparing to get proposals for engineering services for the 2010 Resurfacing Project. A general discussion took place regarding the priority of street repairs. The committee granted approval to obtain proposals for the 2010 Resurfacing Project.

### **State and Federal Funding Opportunities**

Mr. Cook provided information of upcoming grant opportunities that the Village may be able to take advantage of in the next few months. A general discussion took place between the EPS Committee and staff regarding the grant opportunities.

### **Permission to Seek Bids**

Mr. Franco stated that the following items are annually put up for bid. He provided background information on each:

- Emerald Ash Bore Treatment
- Fuel
- Sewer Clean, Jetting and Televising
- Tree Removal
- Water Main Leak Detection
- Elm Inoculation
- Street Sweeping

The EPS Committee granted approval for the Public Services to seek bids on these items.

### **Discussion of Indoor Fireplace Legislation**

Chairman LaPlaca stated the Village cannot regulate smoke from indoor fireplaces because the IEPA has regulations on this matter already. She suggested a resident can take legal action from a nuisance standpoint. However, this is a subjective issue and would need to be reviewed by a lawyer. General discussion took place over the regulations, which body of government has authority to regulate fireplace smoke, and the language written into the code. Chairman LaPlaca directed the staff to assist the resident in contacting the IEPA.

**Request for Board Action**

**To Approve a “Resolution Adopting Legislative Positions for 2010 Legislative Session”**

Chairman LaPlaca stated this agenda item would be continued to the next scheduled meeting.

**To Approve a “Resolution Approving the Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds” in the amount of \$3,704.54 – for Improvements by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for various streets**

Chairman LaPlaca provided information regarding this agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned for the approval of a “Resolution Approving the Expenditure/Authorization of Motor Fuel Tax Funds” in the amount of \$3,704.54 – for Improvements by Municipality under the Illinois Highway Code for various streets. Trustee Angelo seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve “A Resolution Adopting A Sidewalk Master Plan” and “An Ordinance Amending Section 7-1-8 (Sidewalks; Construction and Grade) of the Village Code of Hinsdale Concerning the Installation and Alteration of Sidewalks”**

Chairman LaPlaca provided information regarding this agenda item. This sidewalk plan was approved in the past. The plan is being updated to reflect changes that have occurred since it was last approved. The purpose of the ordinance amendment is to include additional wording to address new construction, building additions, and remodeling. Discussion ensued over the wording that will be used in the ordinance. Chairman LaPlaca requested that the Village Attorney draft the new language. This item will be placed on the agenda for the next scheduled meeting.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Geoga seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 6:56 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer