

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2011**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 5:05 P.M., Tuesday September 12, 2011, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: Trustee William Haarlow

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; Darrell Langlois, Finance Director; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Robert McGinnis, Director of Community Development; Michael Kelly, Fire Chief; Al Diaz, Assistant Village Engineer; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Forester.

Approval of Minutes – August 16, 2011

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the August 16, 2011 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca and Trustee Saigh added comments to the minutes. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the August 16, 2011 minutes as amended. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the end date for water & sprinkler restrictions (September 15th) and elm inoculation. Trustees asked questions concerning information in the monthly report. Chairman LaPlaca asked about the status of the Highland Station evergreen tree installation. Mr. Franco stated that two twelve foot trees are scheduled to be planted in October.

Resident Request for Parkway Tree Removal (221 E. 9th Ct) Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Matt Thumm, Wingren Landscape, addressed the committee. Trustees asked questions of Mr. Thumm and Mr. Finnell. The trustees did not feel it was appropriate to remove parkway trees solely because they were not aesthetically pleasing or do not fit into the landscaping plan. The committee unanimously agreed to not approve the request to remove the trees.

Resident Request for Parkway Tree Removal (125 W. 4th St) Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Dennis Parsons addressed the committee. Trustees asked questions of Mr. Parsons, his engineer – Mr. Jeff Spirek, and Mr. Finnell. After further discussion focusing on the driveway relocation and traffic safety as well as the homeowner’s intention to replace the tree at another location, the committee unanimously approved the request to remove the tree.

Mr. Franco asked for and received permission from the committee to seek quotes for sidewalk snow removal in the central business district. Mr. Franco also explained the Village’s leaf pick-up policy and asked for any committee comments.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Diaz updated committee on the status of Veeck Park material removal, Oak Street Bridge replacement, 2011 Resurfacing Project, the Chestnut Street Project, 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, and the BNSF crossing improvements. Mr. Cook expounded upon coordination with other organizations for Veeck Park restoration, the status of the IEPA violations, and grant applications.

Resident Request for a Sidewalk on the East side of South Washington between 55th and 57th Street. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Sprovieri was not on hand to address the committee. Trustee Geoga noted that this block is not on the Village master sidewalk plan. As such, the request would be scrutinized as to whether the residents want a sidewalk and whether it damages parkway trees. Trustee Saigh suggested that if this sidewalk is approved, it may be a good candidate for a pervious surface which would have less impact on the parkway trees. Chairman LaPlaca asked for more information concerning the sidewalk. This includes whether it could be constructed without impacting trees. Additionally, Mr. Sprovieri should understand that the sidewalk construction would be solely under Village supervision and subject to the tree preservation ordinance.

Presentation by the Beatification Task Force. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Resident Joseph Ryne and Candace Cleveland addressed the committee concerning a request that the Village maintain the organization as a citizen advisory group. The committee discussed the issues presented. The committee and Mr. Ryne agreed that concerned citizens could form a citizen advisory group and that no formal recognition by the Village was required of this group.

Woodlands Green Infrastructure Improvements Survey Results. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Langlois summarized the Woodlands survey results. Trustee Geoga presented financial information concerning the Woodlands program. The committee discussed the results of the survey and the financial information. Mr. Bill Seith, President of the Woodlands/Highlands Association, addressed the committee. Residents including Tony Rossi, 700 Taft; Don Barnecki, 621 E. Sixth; Milo Siegel, 529 E. Seventh; Joe King, 606 Dalewood; Tom Hanson, 924 Cleveland; and Marie Rossi, 700 Taft addressed the committee. Chairman LaPlaca concluded the discussion by noting that this will be on the Board of Trustees agenda on September 20, 2011.

Discussion Regarding Potential Amendments to Ordinance 4-2-8-1, Permitted Open Fires. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Robb McGinnis and Fire Chief Michael Kelly provided comments and answered Trustee questions concerning the agenda item. The committee directed staff to prepare an ordinance to amend the ordinance and present it to the committee.

To Approve the Request from Martam Construction, Inc. to Change the Chestnut Street Project's daily start time from 8:00 AM to 7:00 AM during Phase 1. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve a Resolution for the Chestnut Street Construction Contract Change Order Number 1 in the amount of (\$25.00) to Martam Construction, Inc. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Finnell added his comments concerning the agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve a Resolution for the 2011 Resurfacing Project Contract Change Order Number 2 in the amount of (30,536.40) to Brothers Asphalt Paving, Inc. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the replacement of a Bobcat – Tool Cat to Atlas Bobcat in the amount of \$40,277.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco added his comments concerning the agenda item. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve award of bid #1502 to April Building Services, in the amount of \$146,680.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco added his comments concerning the agenda item. Trustee Geoga motioned to reject bid #1503 and to approve bid #1502. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the Disbanding of the current Beautification Task Force and the formation of Beautify Hinsdale Citizen Advisory Group. Due to the earlier discussion, this motion was withdrawn.

Chairman LaPlaca announced that future committee meetings will start at 7:30 PM.

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 8:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer