

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2011**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 6:34 P.M., Tuesday November 15, 2011, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

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

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Dave Cook, Village Manager; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tim Scott, Director of Economic Development; Gina Hassett; Director of Parks & Recreation; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Forester.

Approval of Minutes – October 17, 2011

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the October 17, 2011 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca added comments to the minutes. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the October 17, 2011 minutes as amended. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the status of the Highland Station. Twelve-foot trees have been planted to block the neighbor's view of the platform columns. Christmas decorations are being put up. They should be completed by Monday. Staff has removed some of the damaged granite tops from the wall in Burlington Park. Chairman LaPlaca asked staff to further investigate the wall and potential solutions. We anticipate revisiting this issue in early 2012. Staff is reviewing overtime issues associated with snow handling. Starting January 2012, the Village will start a mandatory electronic recycling program. Mr. Franco will provide more information in the December EPS. Mr. Franco reported that the Village lost 34 ash trees this year – twelve were due to the emerald ash-borer infestation.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter 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. On November 16, 2011, the DuPage Mayors and Managers Conference will approve the allocation of State Transportation Project (STP) funds for four Hinsdale projects on Federal Aid Urban (FAU) routes within Hinsdale. The STP funds typically cover 70% of

the costs. This will reduce the estimated cost to the Village from approximately \$1,600,000 to approximately \$500,000.

Resolution for the Chestnut Street Sewer Separation Project Construction Contract Change Order Number 2 in the Amount of \$8,753.97 to Martam Construction, Inc. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional information. Trustee Geoga asked for further clarification on the costs associated with the Nicor excavation and the revision to the completion date. After a discussion, Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Ordinance Amending Title 4 (Health and Sanitation), Chapter 5 (Dutch Elm Disease), Section 4-5-1 (Definition: Nuisance declared), Section 4-5-2 (Enforcing Officer), Sections 4-5-3 (Abatement of Nuisance), Section 4-5-4 (Filing of Lien) of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Finnell provided additional information. Earlier this year, the Illinois Department of Agriculture confirmed Hinsdale does have ash trees infested with the emerald ash-borer beetle. The ordinance changes address how the Village will manage the infestation (in a manner similar to the Dutch Elm disease problem). Trustee Geoga asked if it was worthwhile to treat ash trees prophylactically. Mr. Finnell said that the annual treatments are effective in limited circumstances. But, the treatment is affected by a lot of variables outside of the Village's control. Trustee Geoga asked what does a resident do to protect an ash tree on private property. Mr. Finnell responded that the Village has asked contractors to price a variety of preventative treatments. Those prices are available on the Village web site. Residents should check with an arborist about which treatment is best for their circumstances. After further discussion, Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman LaPlaca reminded the committee members that the December EPS meeting will be held at 6:30 PM (immediately prior to the Village Board of Trustee meeting) on December 13, 2011.

Adjournment

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Geoga moved to adjourn. Trustee Saigh seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter
Village Engineer