

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 14, 2012**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:34 P.M., Monday May 14, 2012, 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; Robb McGinnis, Director of Community Development; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Arborist; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – April 9, 2012**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 9, 2012 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the April 9, 2012 minutes. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the status of the Public Service Department. The Department has started their annual spot grinding and patching of road surfaces throughout the Village. Fifty-seven trees have been planted in public areas this spring. Two hundred and ninety ash trees have been injected to protect against the emerald ash borer.

**Water Restrictions** Mr. Franco reminded the committee that lawn sprinkling restrictions will go into effect from May 15 through September 15. During this period, lawn sprinkling will be permitted only from 6 – 10 AM and 6 – 10 PM on the corresponding days – even numbered street addresses on even calendar days and odd numbered street addresses on odd calendar days. No sprinkling will be permitted on May 31<sup>st</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>, and August 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Permission to Seek Bids** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco explained the need for seeking bids for the following maintenance items for the Memorial Building – painting, window sill replacement, and storm window replacement. Trustee Saigh asked whether a certificate of appropriateness would be required for the window sills since the Memorial building is a local landmark. Mr. Franco said that a certificate would not be required for this work. The committee directed staff to seek the bids.

**Proposed Parkway Tree Removal from Village Property at 702 S. Monroe.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco and Finnell provided additional information on the issue. The tree is a 9.0" diameter honeylocust that was approved to be relocated during the plan review. However, the tree transplant company determined it was too large to be transplanted. The developer is now requesting permission to remove the tree. Chairman LaPlaca stated that too many tree removal requests were being presented to the committee that, due to various circumstances, leave the committee with little to no discretion. Chairman LaPlaca suggested that improved communications during the permitting process would help to address this problem. Additionally, Chairman LaPlaca will investigate amending the ordinance to make penalties for tree removal significantly more expensive. All the committee members agreed that incentives should be created to encourage developers to avoid removing trees. Mr. Steve Sobkowiak, CEO of Oakley Home Builders, addressed the committee about the tree removal at 702 S. Monroe. Because attempts to relocate the tree at 702 S. Monroe had failed, the committee agreed to allow the removal of this tree.

**Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter updated committee on the status of Veeck Park restoration, Oak Street Bridge replacement, the Chestnut Street Project, 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, Woodlands Phase 1, and the 2013 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects. To expedite the Woodlands Phase 1 project, the committee directed staff to present the award recommendation for the construction bid to the Board of Trustees at the June 5, 2012 meeting.

**Parkway Tree Conflict with Proposed Sidewalk at the Southwest Corner of chestnut and Monroe Streets.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter explained that there is a conflict at this intersection between the Master Sidewalk Plan and the preservation of a 30-inch catalpa tree. Excavation into the tree's root zone would be required to make the proposed sidewalk meet the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). If the ADA compatible ramps and landings were not established on the southwest corner, there would still be ADA accessible routes/crossings on the north and east sides of the intersection. The committee directed staff to preserve the tree and minimize the construction in the root zone.

**To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Alley Right-of-Way Situated West and Adjoining 644 S. Thurlow Street at a Purchase Price of \$8,500.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional information and answered the committee's questions. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the 2013 Road Resurfacing Project to Rempe-Sharpe and Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$55,254.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided further information and answered the committee's questions. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the 2013 Road Reconstruction Project to Rempe-Sharpe and Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$94,939.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Trustee Haarlow motioned to approve. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve the Request from John Neri Construction Company, Inc. to Change the N. Washington Street Project's Daily Start Time from 8:00 Am to 7:00 AM.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter reported that residents on the streets to be improved had been notified of the request and were asked for their input. Twenty-two residents approved of the early start time and two did not approve. Mr. Nick Neri, President of John Neri Construction, addressed the committee and answered their questions. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the Chestnut Street Contract Change Order Number 1 in the Amount of \$9,495.20 to Chicago Testing Laboratory, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Since the original cause of this change order was an omission by Clark Dietz, the committee directed staff to send a letter to Clark Dietz, Inc. stating that this amount will be deducted from the next Clark Dietz invoice pending the completion of negotiations regarding the responsibility for this obligation. Trustee Geoga motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Recommend to the Board of Trustees Approval of an Ordinance Authorizing the Sale by Auction of Personal Property Owned by the Village of Hinsdale.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Trustee Saigh motioned to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Recommend to the Board of Trustees The Approval for the Purchase of a 2012 Ford F250 with plow from Morrow Brothers Ford, Inc. under the state contract #4015998 in the amount of \$31,414.00** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided further information and answered trustees' questions. Trustee Haarlow motioned to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**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 9:03 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer