

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:35 P.M., Monday February 11, 2013, 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; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; John Finnell, Village Arborist; Ralph Nikischer, Village Horticulturalist; and Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – January 14, 2013**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the January 14, 2013 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca had one comment. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the January 14, 2013 minutes as revised. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco noted that the cost incurred by the Village for snow removal is currently half of the previous year's total due to the dry winter weather. Per the committee's direction at the January meeting, the public services department will be installing LED street lights in the Chestnut parking lot to better understand the cost savings that LED street lights can provide. Finally, staff has applied for an Illinois Urban Forest Restoration Grant for the Emerald Ash Borer. This will provide up to \$10,000 to plant trees on public property throughout the Village. Mr. Finnell estimates that the \$10,000 would fund the planting of forty 2-1/2 inch trees throughout the Village.

**Decorative Recycling Containers Update (Central Business District)** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Per the committee's direction during the January meeting, Mr. Franco provided information on a variety of potential recycling bins to be located in the downtown area including photographs, sizes, and costs. After some discussion, the committee directed staff to use the current garbage receptacles with new recycling labels as recycling containers in three locations downtown.

**2012 IPM Compliance Report.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Ralph Nikischer presented the 2012 IPM Compliance Report. Some of the issues addressed in the report included:

- 1) IPM Policy
- 2) What is IPM
- 3) Village IPM Process
- 4) Action thresholds
- 5) Identification
- 6) Prevention
- 7) Management
- 8) Turf Maintenance
- 9) Turf Evaluations
- 10) Turf Recommendations
- 11) Turf Improvements
- 12) Soil
- 13) Over Seeding
- 14) Watering
- 15) Sustainable Landscaping
- 16) Prairie Maintenance
- 17) Tree Preservation
  - i) Emerald Ash Borer program
  - ii) Elm preservation program
  - iii) 131 new trees were planted in 2012
- 18) Mosquito Abatement
- 19) Recommendations
  - i) Turf maintenance
  - ii) Sustainable landscaping
  - iii) Tree maintenance
  - iv) Continue mosquito abatement program

The report was followed by comments from Ms. Ruta Jensen, 215 N. Grant Street; Ms. Gail Willoch, 603 Walker Road; and Ms. Julie Grieve, 609 S. Bruner.

**Seasonal Holiday Decorations** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Cook and Mr. Franco provided further information. Staff had obtained samples and prices from GKI Lighting for a variety of artificial decorations. Artificial wreaths and garlands were on display at the meeting. During the discussion, the committee acknowledged that the artificial decorations would result in a cost savings. However, at least two trustees on the committee felt that the artificial decorations were not attractive. After further discussion, the committee directed staff to use real wreaths (2 per light pole) and no garlands in the 2013 decorations. Additionally, the tree lighting should be improved.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter updated the committee on the status of the Oak Street Bridge replacement, the 2012 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects, and the 2013 Resurfacing and Reconstruction Projects. The Veeck Park Wet Weather Facility did experience an overflow as a result of the 1.5-inch rain on January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. The de-chlorination system worked as designed. The station achieved the necessary bacterial kill and then de-chlorinated the flow to reduce the chlorine levels below the IEPA standard prior to it flowing into Flagg Creek.

### **Request for Board Action**

Trustee Geoga noted that regarding the contract awards about to be considered, (i) there were three awards/award groups (2013 observation for road resurfacing and reconstruction; 2014 engineering for road resurfacing and reconstruction; and Woodlands Phase II design); (ii) bids were requested of the same three firms for all of those awards; (iii) each of those three firms received one such award (or group of related awards), and (iv) in several instances, one or more of the unsuccessful bids were highly uncompetitive. Trustee Geoga emphasized he has no evidence of impropriety. However, to avoid any appearance of impropriety or collusion among the consultants, Trustee Geoga recommended that future Requests For Proposals (RFPs) should go out to more consultants – at least four or five.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Construction Observation of the 2013 Road Resurfacing Project to Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$73,485.50.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional comments. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Construction Observation of the 2013 Road Reconstruction Project to Rempe-Sharpe & Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$112,438.69.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Design of the 2014 Road Resurfacing Project to James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$44,189.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Design of the 2014 Road Reconstruction Project to James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$101,285.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Haarlow moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Engineering Services for Design of the Woodlands Phase 2 Project to Hr Green, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$123,012.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Trustee Geoga moved 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 Haarlow seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer