

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES
MONDAY, APRIL 8, 2013**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:33 P.M., Monday April 8, 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; Mark Wodka, Deputy Chief of Police; John Finnell, Village Arborist; and Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

Approval of Minutes – March 11, 2013

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 11, 2013 meeting. Trustee Geoga and Chairman LaPlaca provided comments on the minutes. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the March 11, 2013 minutes as revised. Trustee Geoga seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Services Monthly Report

Mr. Franco highlighted Public Services Department activities. These include the cost of snow removal this past winter, staff has been working to prepare the pool to open, and the parks' rest rooms will be open this Friday. Staff is planning to conduct soil injections for 400 Ash trees in Hinsdale.

Grant Funding Update. Mr. Franco noted that the Village received grants to resurface the commuter parking lot at Highland Station and an EAB reforestation grant that can be utilized to plant an additional 40 trees on parkways throughout the Village.

Resident Pricing for Elm and Ash Tree treatments. Mr. Franco and Mr. Finnell provided comments and answered questions from the committee. Tree R Us provided the lowest cost for Elm treatments while Landscape Concepts provided the lowest costs for Ash treatments. The Ash trunk injections should be conducted between mid-June through mid-July. The Ash soil injections should be conducted in April, May, or June. Residents should check with Landscape Concepts since these injections are weather dependent.

Engineering Monthly Report

Mr. Deeter updated the committee on the status of the Oak Street Bridge replacement Phase 1 and 2, the Woodlands Phase 1, and the 50/50 Sidewalk project. He also noted that the Illinois Tollway Authority will be reconstructing the ramps at the I-55/I-294 interchange.

Central Business District Parking and Alley Options (Discussion) Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item and asked staff to review the guidance that they had received in the March EPS meeting. These were:

1. Staff will investigate the presence of coal cellars in/under the alley.
 - Staff identified a 11-foot x 10-foot room below the alley behind 101 S. Washington, the former Gap store. Due to the age of the room and structural supports, staff recommends the current alley owner employ a structural engineer to determine the load bearing capability of the room's ceiling. Should the Village purchase the alley, staff recommends demolishing the room and filling it with compacted aggregate. This cost is included in the updated cost estimate for the alley.
2. Staff will contact the owner, Mr. Lee Wish to determine his interest.
 - Staff contacted Mr. Lee Wish. He stated he would consider selling the alley.
3. Staff will contact the Chamber of Commerce to understand their position on these options.
 - Staff contacted the Chamber of Commerce and presented the two options. The Chamber was not receptive to the idea of demolishing their exterior stairs and losing a large portion of their building to interior stairs. The Chamber of Commerce's letter was provided to the committee.
4. Staff will coordinate with the CMAP parking task force.
 - The parking task force was in favor of any option that increases the overall parking in the central business district.
5. Staff will coordinate with Chief Bloom about potential truck loading zone locations and times.
 - Mr. Deeter and Deputy Chief Wodka commented on potential truck loading zone locations and times, and answered the committee's questions. Chairman LaPlaca noted that alternate truck loading zones would probably not be used since the trucks routinely park as close to their destination as possible.
6. This investigation will continue on a parallel path with, but not connected to, the Garfield Crossing development process.

After some discussion, the committee concluded that due to their prohibitive costs and the Chamber of Commerce's opposition, the Village would not take further action on these options. Chairman LaPlaca noted that this discussion did highlight the issue of

congestion in the Central Business District. She asked the Hinsdale Police Department to consider further administrative or enforcement methods to reduce this congestion and present these to the committee at a future date.

To Adopt an Ordinance Amending Title 9 (Building Regulations), Chapter 12 (Miscellaneous Provision), Section 2 (Limitation on Noise) of the Village Code of Hinsdale. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. She directed staff to include in the amended ordinance that the start time would be “no earlier than 7:00 AM”. After some discussion, Trustee Haarlow moved to approve the motion as amended. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the 2013 Resurfacing Program to Gerardi Sewer and Water Company in the Amount Not To Exceed \$1,889,739.50. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional information and addressed the committee’s questions. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Award the 2013 Reconstruction Program to Chicagoland Paving Contractors, Inc. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$2,799,900.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. She noted that Chicagoland Paving had not done work for the Village in the past. Mr. Deeter stated that staff had requested and received Chicagoland Paving’s statement of qualifications. These include their affidavit of availability and references. Our engineering consultant, Rempe-Sharpe, reviewed the statement of qualifications and called all references. All the municipalities provided good comments about Chicagoland Paving. Rempe-Sharpe has also worked with Chicagoland Paving and did not have any significant problems with the company. Thus, staff could find no reason to state that Chicagoland Paving was not qualified to accomplish the project. Additionally, two other bidders were within 10% of the Chicagoland Paving bid. The second lowest bidder, John Neri Construction, has satisfactorily completed the 2012 Reconstruction project on N. Washington/N. Grant. This gives staff some level of confidence that the Chicagoland Paving bid is not unrealistically low. Therefore, staff is recommending Chicagoland Paving as the lowest, qualified bidder.

Mr. Deeter noted that the portions of Sixth Street north of Robbins Park have unstable sub-grade conditions. To address this situation, the Village will repair damaged portions of the concrete road with new concrete rather than replace the entire road. While the current design has tried to account for the poor soil conditions, there is the potential for unanticipated additional work, such as additional undercutting. If this occurs, staff will request a change order from the Village Manager and Board of Trustees.

Trustee Geoga asked about the low cost of Chicagoland Paving’s bid versus the budgeted project cost. Mr. Deeter noted areas where staff and our consultants were able to find cost savings. These include the reduced scope on Sixth Street mentioned above and that

Fifth Street has been resurfaced in 2010 when additional funds became available. Trustee Geoga noted that this was a good example why, after four years of implementing the Master Infrastructure Plan (MIP), the Village should review and update the MIP. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve a Resolution for the one year extension of street sweeping Contract#1470 Change Order Number 1 in the amount not to exceed budgeted amount of \$36,000 to Dejana Industries, Inc. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. In response to Trustee Haarlow's questions, Mr. Franco clarified that the Village generally employs the street sweeper on an as-needed basis. This results in all Village streets being swept twice per year at a minimum. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the award of bid #1536 for the service of Elm Tree Inoculations to Trees R Us not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$140,000.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. The committee felt the request for board action was confusing because the Village had budgeted \$140,000 for Elm and Ash tree preservation maintenance; but, the bids were for Elm Tree Fungicide only. Committee directed Mr. Franco to revise the request for board action and present it to the Board of Trustees at their next meeting.

To Approve the award of bid #1537 for the service of Tree Pruning to Trees R Us not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$50,000.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Geoga commented that the trees to be pruned would be in the southwest portion of town and north of Ogden Avenue. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the award of bid #1538 for the service of fuel delivery, to Warren Oil Company with the fuel delivery bid comparison quantity of \$13,906.00 plus the cost of gasoline and diesel per the Oil Price Information Services Index. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. Trustee Geoga moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

To Approve the award of bid #1544 for custodial services year 1 to Crystal Maintenance Corp, in the amount of \$45,180.00. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Deeter
Village Engineer