

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, MAY 13, 2013**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:34 P.M., Monday May 13, 2013, in Memorial Hall of the Memorial Building, 19 East Chicago Avenue, Hinsdale, IL.

**PRESENT:** Chairman Laura LaPlaca, Trustee William Haarlow, Trustee Gerald Hughes, 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; and Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – April 8, 2013**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the April 8, 2013 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the April 8, 2013 minutes as revised. Trustee Haarlow seconded. Chairman LaPlaca, Trustee Haarlow and Trustee Saigh voted aye. Trustee Hughes abstained.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco highlighted Public Services Department activities including the trees to be planted and that water restrictions are going into effect. The water restrictions are noted in multiple locations including the Village web site.

Mr. Thomas Mitchell addressed the committee. He is proposing removing two Douglas fir trees in the right of way. There was extensive discussion between the committee, Mr. Finnell, and Mr. Mitchell. While there may be merit to removing trees that are not on the Village's parkway tree planting list, under the ordinance the committee was not authorized to waive the tree cutting fee. The committee deferred the decision until the area is prepared to construct the sidewalk link through to Dietz Park.

Mr. Kevin Curtis addressed the committee about removing two Colorado spruce trees. He was willing to remove the trees at his expense; but, did not want to have the additional burden of the fees. Again, these trees are not on the Village parkway planting list. After some discussion, the committee decided to look at amending the ordinance to address extenuating circumstances such as to save the condition of another tree or to remove trees not planted by the Village. Chairman LaPlaca will prepare an amendment to the ordinance for review at the next EPS meeting. A decision on Mr. Curtis' request was deferred until a future meeting.

Mr. Donte and Ms. DeWitt address the committee with a request to relocate a parkway tree. Chairman LaPlaca noted that this is a tree relocation issue – not a removal issue – and was, therefore, not covered by the tree removal ordinance. After some discussion, the committee approved the request to relocate the tree subject to conditions. Mr. Finnell will observe and provide guidance as necessary during the relocation. Mr. Donte will provide a letter of agreement stating that he will replace the tree with a comparable sized tree should it die within 30-months of its relocation. If, in the process of moving the tree, Mr. Donte finds he cannot relocate it, he will dispose of the tree and pay the Village the \$5000 fee.

### **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. The Village will set up a date to discuss traffic concerns about the Oak Street Bridge replacement in the near future.

North Madison Drainage Issues. Chairman LaPlaca introduced this citizen petition. Mr. Deeter reviewed the April 18<sup>th</sup> storm event in general, its effect on North Madison, and some suggested solutions. Mrs. Nicolette Pollard and other residents of N. Madison and Warren Court addressed the committee concerning the frequent flooding of this area and specifically the flooding on April 18<sup>th</sup>. They requested the Village provide some relief from the flooding situation. They emphasized that N. Madison Street is a major north-south thoroughfare in the Village and the street flooding causes a safety hazard and has financial impacts to residents and motorists alike. After much discussion, Chairman LaPlaca stated that the Village staff would investigate the situation and another meeting would be set up to go over their findings.

**To Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the FY2013-14 Water Main Project to James J. Benes & Associates, Inc. in the Amount Not to Exceed \$16,492.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter answered questions from the committee. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the Woodlands Phase 1 Project Contract Change Order Number 3 in the Amount of \$8,652.25 to Pirtano Construction Company, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional information and addressed the committee's questions. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Approve a Resolution for the Woodlands Phase 1 Construction Observation Contract Change Order Number 2 in the Amount of \$14,000 to HR Green, Inc.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter addressed questions from

the committee. The committee deferred the vote to the Board of Trustees pending further explanation of the construction observation budget versus current costs.

**To recommend to the Board of Trustees the approval for the purchase of a 2013 Ford F250 with plow and a 2013 Ford F150 from Bob Riddin's Ford, Inc. under state contract in the amount of \$54,550.00.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided additional information. Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Chairman LaPlaca provided an update on the Burlington Wall project. The contractor who was the lowest bidder is delayed due to flood damage to his business from the April 18th storm. The Village now had three options:

- 1) to wait on the lowest bidder to recover from the flooding,
- 2) to go with the second lowest bidder, King Landscaping, or
- 3) to rebid the project entirely.

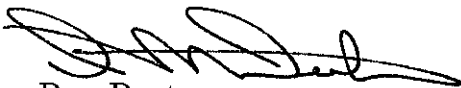
In coordination with Tim Scott, Chairman LaPlaca said the Village will wait on the low bidder and see if he can begin construction in a reasonable time frame.

Chairman LaPlaca noted that each year the Village provides support to residents' block parties. This support includes barricades, street sweeping, etc. She asked the committee members if they wanted to discuss charging residents for block parties. After some discussion, the committee members were unanimous in the opinion that they did not want to consider charging a fee for block parties.

### **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 10:44 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,



Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer