

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2013**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:35 P.M., Monday September 9, 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: Kathleen Gargano, 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 – June 10, 2013**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 10, 2013 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the June 10, 2013 minutes. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Hinsdale Junior Women’s Club (HJWC) Resale Event.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item and Mr. Franco provided his comments. Ms. Tracy Zoberis and Ms. Kim Bird represented the HJWC’s to request to rent the Public Services building for an annual, charity, re-sale event. Chairman LaPlaca stated that in recent years the Village policy was to avoid supporting charitable organizations monetarily or through the use of public building space (other than renting KLM) in order to not show favoritism nor set a precedent that would require the Village to offer these same facilities to all organizations. Committee members asked questions of the HJWC representatives and discussed the issues. The committee attempted to identify alternate locations where this event could be held including KLM, the Community House, and church properties. The committee did not approve the use of Public Services building by the HJWC.

**Graue Mill Flood Protection Update.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item and discussed the Village’s activities during the flooding events, participation in the flood protection investigations and grant applications, and the Village’s willingness to provide future support once FEMA grants have been secured. Mr. Peter Schroth and John Donaker addressed the committee as representatives of the Graue Mill Home Owners Association (HOA). Mr. Thomas Burke, Graue Mills’ consulting engineer, addressed the committee concerning the status of the engineering and update to the grant application. The committee had numerous questions for Mr. Burke concerning the

progress of the grant applications and methods to expedite that process. The committee also asked the Graue Mill HOA to periodically update staff concerning the status of the grant applications. At Chairman LaPlaca's request, Mr. John Donaker provided an update concerning the plan to improve ComEd support throughout the area.

Chairman LaPlaca then asked for any public comments. Comments were made by Mr. Joe Tye, Mr. Norman Resnik, Ms. Nancy Wichter, Ms. Cynthia Nielson, Mr. Dan Nagle, and others. Mr. Larry Klinger provided closing comments as a representative of the Graue Mill HOA.

### **Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated the committee on the Public Services activities. He and Mr. Finnell discuss the need for additional funds for stump removal due to increased tree losses from the Emerald Ash Borer (EAM). The Committee approved the allocation of additional funds for tree stump removal. Mr. Franco highlighted the 2013 Leaf Pick-Up program. The Committee approved Mr. Franco's request to seek quotes for sidewalk snow shoveling services.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter updated the committee on the Engineering Projects. He also highlighted the results of the first year of the Flag Creek water quality monitoring up and downstream of the Veeck Park CSO. The Committee discussed the broken sanitary service at 414 W. Fourth Street.

**To Recommend Adoption of an Ordinance Vacating Half of a Public Right-of-Way Situated East and Adjoining 544 W. Seventh Street at a Purchase Price of \$7,800.** Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided additional comments. Trustee Saigh moved to approve as amended. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Chairman LaPlaca adjourned the meeting at 9:46 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer