

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2014**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:40 P.M., Monday January 13, 2014, 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; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – December 09, 2013**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the December 09, 2013 meeting. Chairman LaPlaca noted two spelling errors. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the revised December 09, 2013 minutes. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco updated Committee on the possibility of additional salt purchases. Village Manager, Kathleen Gargano, noted that additional purchases will rise \$20 per ton of salt delivered and while the Village wants to be judicious with purchasing, does not want to be without salt. Also noted was that many other towns are still receiving salt through their allotments, however most of these will be completed by February at which time the price of salt will again rise. The last winter similar to this year was 2009 in which the Village spread approximately 1,800 tons of rock salt. Additional salt purchases will place the Village at approximately 1,700 tons of rock salt to be purchased for the year. Trustee Hughes inquired how much salt can be stored at the Public Services facility. Mr. Franco answered that 400 tons can be stored under the salt shed and each salting event results in approximately 75 tons of salt used, with salt treated with calcium chloride as temperatures dictate.

Mr. Franco updated Committee on Public Services activities which included the removal of holiday decorations in the Business District, pot hole filling operations, and Republic Services will be removing Christmas trees throughout the week. Trustee Hughes inquired if pot holes on newer roads are forming and if the longevity of the work is

holding. Mr. Franco responded that the newer roads which have been completely reconstructed are holding up well. Trustee Haarlow noted that there is cracking in spots on North Washington St. and asked if there was some type of warranty on the work. Mr. Deeter noted that there is a 1 year warranty on this type of work which was completed 2 years ago. Mr. Franco stated that this may be an area which could benefit from the upcoming crack sealing contract. Trustee Saigh mentioned that the last couple storms have been taxing on manpower and equipment and inquired if any new equipment or plowing items were needed. Mr. Franco responded that at this time no new equipment was needed that has not been budgeted for. Chairman LaPlaca inquired if the same deicing material that is used on asphalt and concrete streets is used on the brick streets in town. Mr. Franco replied that it is the same deicing material.

### **Proposed Parkway Tree Removal (629 S. Garfield St.)**

Mr. Franco provided background on this item which includes the request to remove a 21” honey locust tree for the installation of a circular driveway. Committee then listened to concerns of the resident, Mr. Bryan Bomba, who stated that the tree removal and circular driveway installation are requests for safety of his family and the residents of Hinsdale due to the following factors:

- Garfield St. carries approximately 7,000 cars per day
- Disallowing the tree removal and circular drive would force drivers to back out onto Garfield St. with limited visibility
- Pedestrian traffic
- Bicycle traffic

Chairman LaPlaca inquired if a three-point turnaround could be installed to which the builder replied that there was minimal area (21 feet) and a substantial elevation difference. Chairman LaPlaca then asked for Mr. Finnell’s recommendations. Mr. Finnell stated that due to the tree’s condition, size, and spacing it does not meet the Village’s criteria for removal.

Chairman LaPlaca received feedback from Trustees who agreed with Mr. Finnell’s assessment. Trustees felt there are other ways in which the resident can alleviate the problem. The committee’s unanimous decision is to deny the request to remove the honey locust tree.

### **Notice of Annual IPM Review Meeting February 10<sup>th</sup> 2014**

Mr. Franco provided background on this item. The Village Horticulturalist, Ralph Nikischer, will give a presentation on the Village’s integrated pest management (IPM) practices during the February EPS meeting.

## **Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter stated that staff is including a separate memo highlighting the Oak Street Bridge Design Phase progress. In December, staff and HR Green met with Adventist Hinsdale Hospital to review the current plans and the construction phasing/traffic control plan which will maintain public access to the hospital throughout the construction period. This week HR Green will be submitting a progress set of plans for staff's review. February 6<sup>th</sup> will be the first Community Working Group meeting for the Design Phase. Chairman LaPlaca discussed ideas for this first meeting's agenda and will work with staff and our consultants to implement these.

Staff is reviewing the final plans for the 2014 Reconstruction and Resurfacing projects. James J. Benes & Associates engineering estimates are currently higher than the project's budget. Staff is reviewing the scope of the projects and will set up alternatives to keep the projects within the budget.

### **To approve a Resolution for the 2013 Resurfacing Project Construction Contract Change Order Number 1 in the Amount of \$162,611.09 Reduction to Gerardi Sewer & Water Company.**

Mr. Deeter explained that the 2013 Resurfacing Project is complete. This change order includes the final balancing of line item quantities (comparing the bid quantities to the actual construction quantities) as well as all change order requests approved and implemented during the project. The final construction cost is \$162,611.09 below the construction contract. Overall savings for the project (including construction and engineering costs) is \$259,350. With no further questions, Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### **To Award the Engineering Services for the Design of the North Madison Drainage Project to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. in the Amount Not To Exceed \$43,616.00.**

Chairman LaPlaca reminded the committee of the board's intent to address the localized flooding on the 400/500-block of N. Madison. The Village has been investigating methods to address this flooding within the funds available. Mr. Deeter explained that requests for proposals were sent out to seven engineering consultants to design a lift station and force main to return the area's drainage to the 1975 standard. This lift station would also be designed to accommodate higher pumping rates if detention upstream became available in the future. Christopher B. Burke Engineering was recommended to conduct the design phase because of their understanding of stormwater design in DuPage County and in the Salt Creek watershed, as well as their experience working in Hinsdale (on the Graue Mills flooding issue). Compared to consultants who proposed much lower and higher design costs, Burke Engineering's proposal indicated that they understood the resources that would be required to address this issue. Trustee

Hughes moved to approve the motion. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To approve reimbursement to Twin Supplies LTD in the amount of \$46,124 for administration and lighting fixtures provided through the DCEO and ICE grant programs.**

Mr. Franco provided summary information on this lighting grant program which has been utilized by the Village for the past two years to improve lighting and reduce energy use in fixtures at the Police Department, Village Hall, KLM Lodge, Water Plant building, and Public Services building. This years projects included exterior lighting at the Public Services building, KLM and Burns Field platform tennis lights. Trustee Saigh moved to approve the motion. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Saigh moved to adjourn. Trustee Hughes seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter  
Village Engineer