

**VILLAGE OF HINSDALE  
ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC SERVICES COMMITTEE MINUTES  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2014**

Chairman Laura LaPlaca called the meeting of the Environment and Public Services Committee to order at 7:34 P.M., Monday, September 8, 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; Suzanne Ostrovsky, Management Analyst; George Franco, Director of Public Services; Tom Bueser, Deputy Director of Public Services; Dan Deeter, Village Engineer.

**Approval of Minutes – June 9, 2014**

The EPS Committee reviewed the minutes from the June 9, 2014 meeting. Trustee Saigh motioned for approval of the June 9, 2014 minutes. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Proposed Parkway Tree Removal at 134 East Hickory Street**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided background on the area and condition of the tree. Ray and Melissa Temple of 134 East Hickory addressed the committee. They are requesting the removal of the tree as part of an effort to improve drainage on their property to prevent further flooding in their home. In response to Chairman LaPlaca's question Mr. Finnell stated that it was appropriate for the committee to consider the condition of the tree when deciding whether it should be removed. After being asked about the health of the tree, Mr. Finnell replied that he could not accurately predict how long the tree would last. The tree could live three to ten years. Mr. Finnell described the tree as in fair condition. This means that there was a health or structure issue that may cause short or long term management issues. Mr. Finnell stated the tree was "over mature" and he expected it to be in "continuous decline" rather than rebounding to better health. After discussing the request, the committee members agreed that 1) considering the reason for removing the tree, that is, to improve stormwater management and reduce home flooding, and 2) the fact that the tree was in fair condition and was expected to die naturally within the next decade, it was appropriate to approve the residents' request to remove the tree. Mr. Temple asked the committee for some financial relief from the costs of the tree removal. Chairman LaPlaca noted that the ordinance did not allow the committee to waive the \$5000 fee.

Additionally, tree removal costs have typically been paid by residents in past requests. However, the committee agreed that the cost of planting a new tree at a location designated by the Village Forester would be borne by the Village.

### **Proposed Parkway Tree Removal at 208 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Street**

A representative from Terrain Landscaping provided background on the proposed tree removal. Chairman LaPlaca noted that there is a \$5,000 fee associated with the tree removal. The representative stated that he would need to consult the homeowner to gauge willingness to pay the fee.

**Public Comment.** Nate and Sandra Wasson addressed the committee concerning the flooding at Fifth & Grant Streets during the August 22 storm. They asked that the area should be still considered for improvements. Staff has sent out plans for Phase 1 improvements to the existing contractors for bids as a change order to the existing construction work within the Village. This should expedite the construction and reduce its cost since it will incorporate current bids and reduce mobilization costs.

### **Public Services Monthly Report**

Mr. Franco noted September 15<sup>th</sup> ends water restrictions and that electrical work on the Village parking lot starts this week. In response to Chairman LaPlaca's question, Ms. Gargano stated that the staff is working on a new landscaping plan for the parking lot in 2016. Trustee Saigh noted that the Village would be putting a new floor at the ticket office in the main train station. Mr. Franco confirmed that notices had been posted to make the public aware of this.

### **Engineering Monthly Report**

Mr. Deeter highlighted portions of the Engineering Monthly Report.

- Staff is working to meet resident comments concerning select driveways on Taft Road in the Woodlands Phase 2 project.
- Bid opening for the Elm/Third Street water main project is scheduled for 9/11/14.
- Resident-funded alley paving has been requested for alleys on the 100-block of N. Lincoln/N. Grant and the 700-block of S. Bodin/S. Monroe.
- Oak Street Bridge: HR Green continues to coordinate with ComEd for power line burying costs and just submitted samples of Bridge lighting.
- Oak Street Bridge: Staff continues to look for cost effective alternatives to secure the lateral bracing on the bridge.

**To Approve "A Resolution Approving and Accepting A Plat of Consolidation To Consolidate The Properties Commonly Known As 217 – 227 W. 55<sup>th</sup> Street In the Village of Hinsdale, County of DuPage".**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item and provided some background. The residents intend to consolidate two residential lots into one and tear down one home. The Zoning Board of Appeals has approved the variation to the side yard setback this creates. Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To Award the Crack Sealing and Seal Coating Services Project to Patriot Pavement Maintenance in the Amount Not To Exceed \$30,000.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Deeter provided background information on this item. This is a new, cost-effective endeavor recommended by the engineering staff to improve street condition and longevity. Committee members commented that we should incorporate this into our annual road maintenance program. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Haarlow seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To award Bid #1575 for the service of street sweeping to DeJana Industries, Inc. in the year 1 bid estimated amount of \$33,521.60**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced and provided background information on this item. Mr. Franco provided further information. Trustee Hughes moved to approve. Trustee Saigh seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**To award Bid #1576 for the service of sewer cleaning, televising, and root cutting to National Power Rodding, Inc., in the bid comparison price of \$46,500, not to exceed the budgeted amount of \$43,000.**

Chairman LaPlaca introduced this agenda item. Mr. Franco provided background on this item which consists of contractual sewer maintenance and noted that quantities will be adjusted to remain within budget parameters. National Power Rodding Inc. has completed work for the Village in the past. Trustee Saigh moved to approve. Trustee Hughes seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Other Business**

Mr. Deeter informed the Committee of the recommended payment of \$3,375.00 to BnA Management, LLC to improve stormwater management in Localized Flooding Area #7 (the rear yard of 228 Fuller Road) under the Localized Drainage Solutions program. Staff has developed new procedures to record and follow up drainage complaints from the August 21-22 rain event.

**Adjournment**

With no further issues to be brought before the Committee, Trustee Hughes moved to adjourn. Trustee Saigh seconded. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:04 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Dan Deeter, PE  
Village Engineer