

Public Works Committee Meeting
April 11, 2019
Minutes

Called to Order: @ 4:31 pm

Present: Chairman - Trustee Steve Nero, Trustee Linda Liddle, Village Manager Steve May, Mayor Ron Gunter, Village Clerk Jinny Szymski, Public Works Director Mike Ramsey, Assistant Public Works Director Noriel Noriega, Finance Director Spencer Parker, Police Chief Jim Gunther, Fire Chief Steve Riley, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Jim Addington, Trustee Harold Barry.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from 12/20/18 were approved by Trustee Liddle, second Trustee Guzzo.

Update:

Parking by Ty Warner Park - Director Ramsey gave an update on the parking on Plaza Dr. Magnet Schultz is inquiring about parking. Also issue with parking for U-Stor It also BMW trucks turning around.

Public Comment:

The homeowner of 105 Prairie Drive spoke to Director Ramsey and Assistant Director Noriega regarding the flooding on White Birch before the start of the meeting. She stated how professional both Director Ramsey and Assistant Director Noriega were.

New Business:

- A. Update on Senate and House Bills - Director Ramsey gave an update on Senate Bills 1270 & 1532. Water in drinking fountains at the Parks in the Village will have to be tested for lead. This is something that the Water Division would process, but the Park District would pay for. This is similar to the testing that was done at the Public Schools in town last year. Lead service lines - the Village needs to have a plan in place ahead of the Senate bill being passed. Currently there are two different ways other Villages/Cities are approaching this. 1 - the Homeowner works directly with and pays a contractor with no Village involvement. 2 - The Village would pay the contractor up front, in conjunction with a water main project, and the homeowner would reimburse the Village. If a homeowner does not want to/refuses to change their lead water line, an affidavit will

need to be signed. This bill gives us the right to onto private property. The Village has been very proactive over the last 25 years. There are roughly 100 services in the Village that are lead or galvanized. If a homeowner applies for a permit for plumbing work they will be notified at that time that their service has to be replaced.

- B. Small Cell Towers - Verizon would like to place 5G network antennas on Street light poles throughout the northern portion of the Village. This area would be on Cass Avenue between Traube Avenue and 35th Street. Any poles that are deteriorated Verizon will replace to Village specs at no cost to the Village. The light poles would have LED lights. If a pole gets knocked down their will be a phone number to call and they will be out within 24 hours.
- C. North Side Water Tower - Director Ramsey hired a company to appraise the parcel, it was appraised at \$120,000. A decision needs to be made whether the Village wants to proceed with the procurement of this property or look for another parcel. The water tower would be 865' high and one million gallons. It would have the Village logo on one side and the Westmont Sentinel logo on the other.

Unfinished Business:

- A. Future Public Works Facility - Director Ramsey gave an update on the timeline for the new facility. Plans will be delivered on Monday, April 15th to be reviewed. The project will go out to bid either the first or second week of June. Groundbreaking will take place after July 4th with the hopes of having a shell up by winter. Occupancy, barring any weather issues will be around Labor Day of 2020. The Park District will be out by May 15th.

Reports :

A. Public Works Chairman -

B. Public Works Director

- a. Model Water Tower Building Competition - Contest will be April 27th, there are 10 teams.
- b. Update on Operator in Training Program with District 201 - The program is a huge success and meets every Friday morning and goes until the middle of May.
- c. Public Works summer hours - Summer hours are 6:30 am to 3:00 pm and go until the Monday after Thanksgiving.

C. Street Division

- a. Recap of the Winter Season -
- b. Sidewalk Program Discussion -

- c. 2019 Capital Improvement Projects - Assistant Director Noriega discussed the reconstruction project of Cass Ave./Burlington Ave. S curve. The traffic signal design proposed to be \$150,000. Section of Cass Avenue that is deteriorating to be replaced. Assistant Director Noriega also discussed the island median on South Cass Avenue from Richmond Street north to Quincy Street. The Police Chief would like more time to review before a decision is made. He is concerned about emergency vehicles getting through if there is a median installed. Another possibility would be to have flex stakes which would allow emergency equipment the ability to get through.

D. Water Division

- a. North Washington Water Main Replacement

E. Engineering Division

- a. Deer Creek Detention Basin Project - Flooding in the basin area to be corrected by the Village of Downers Grove. Downers Grove is asking for permission to perform the work on Westmont's side of the basin.
- b. Ashford Detention Management Project -
- c. CBD Alley Reconstruction Project Section C, D, E and G - Alley C; Norfolk to Naperville is currently in design stage. The project will be bid and built by the end of 2019. The cost of Alley F was \$800,000, Alley C will be about the same cost as the footage is just under Alley F. Alley Section D - is the worst alley in the village and design is currently on hold.
- d. New Sidewalk Installation Projects
- e. Grant and Richmond Ph1 Study
- f. Gateway Beautification Median Project

F. Facilities

- a. Westmont Centre updates -

G. Fleet Maintenance Division

- a. Vehicle Auction -

H. Please see attached for all detailed staff reports

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:55 pm by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Addington. All in favor.

