



# Village of Maple Park

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## INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 22, 2016

7:00 p.m.

Maple Park Civic Center

302 Willow Street, Maple Park, IL

### 1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Luke Goucher called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Committee members were present: Trustee Luke Goucher, Trustee Chris Higgins, Trustee JP Dries and Trustee Terry Borg.

Others present: Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

### 2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – *Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so according to the Rules of Public Comment and should register with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.*

None.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- **February 23, 2016**

Trustee Dries made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 23, 2016 meeting, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by voice vote.

Trustee Goucher advised that the agenda items would be juggled around because Village Engineer Jeremy Lin will be available by phone by about 7:15 or so.

### 4. SEWER RECAPTURE RATE / WATER & SEWER RATES

Trustee Goucher asked the Committee members to familiarize themselves with the current rates, adding that the Akrabawi recapture fee will expire in August 2016. Trustee Goucher also distributed a sample ordinance from Elburn for the Committee to review. He said that he would work with the Village Accountant to discuss actual costs.

Trustee Dries asked where the initial \$4,500 came from. The consensus was that it came from the original annexation agreement. The Committee then discussed rates.

Trustee Goucher asked the Committee if they would like to leave the amount at zero to get some houses built or if they would like to set an amount that would come directly to the village.

Trustee Goucher advised that he wasn't expecting any solutions tonight; he was just giving information to the Committee so that they could come back in the future with some ideas.

At 7:22 p.m., the Village Clerk called Jeremy Lin and put him on speaker phone.

The Committee discussed the possibility of changing the permit fee structure. Trustee Borg said he would like to figure out what fund the money is going to.

Trustee Goucher asked Mr. Lin what a price of a new plant would be. Mr. Lin said that he has gotten that information for the village in the past. He advised that to double the waste water treatment plant capacity, it would be approximately \$4 million.

Trustee Dries asked if the other facility would be closed. Mr. Lin advised that the old facility would indeed be closed. Trustee Goucher asked what the additional cost would be to close down the existing plant. Mr. Lin said that the closing of the old plant is in that figure, adding that that area could be used as a possible sludge storage area.

Trustee Borg asked about costs associated with the water/sewer ordinance. He advised that there are three separate sewer charges and the Board has waived two of those charges. He suggested simplifying those fees. He also asked about waiving fees for industry. Village Clerk Liz Peerboom clarified that the fees that were waived are only for residential.

Trustee Borg asked Mr. Lin if he could explain why there are three different sewer charges. Mr. Lin also said that he was confused about the extra charges also. He said that typically there is one sewer connection charge that covers all the costs involved.

The Committee members discussed the history of the sewer treatment plant and the sanitary sewer project on the old side of town.

Trustee Borg suggested raising property taxes for debt service so that homeowners can take a tax deduction on the debt service. Trustee Goucher said that taxes are already high enough in Maple Park, cautioning against raising taxes. Trustee Dries talked about a sales tax increase, but he didn't feel that a referendum for a sales tax increase would pass.

Trustee Goucher asked the Village Clerk to gather information on connection fees from surrounding communities. He also asked for the water rate survey to be sent to the Committee members.

Trustee Borg asked how much money would need to be put down for a water or sewer project. Mr. Lin advised that you don't need to put money down on a loan; it would be more for a grant, which would usually be 20%.

Mr. Lin discussed certain grants that could help the village.

## **5. MAINTENANCE LIST**

Trustee Goucher asked if there were any updates to the maintenance list. Mr. Lin advised that he emailed a new list and it was distributed to the Committee. There were two items that will be added to the list.

Trustee Borg asked about crack sealing in Heritage Hills. Trustee Goucher said that pothole maintenance could be added to the list. Trustee Borg advised that Public Works Director Mike Miller had concerns at the Finance Committee meeting about the roads. Trustee Goucher asked that the minutes from the Finance Committee be sent to Mr. Lin.

Trustee Borg asked about tarring a road and putting down gravel. Mr. Lin advised that you could do that for a village funded road but not a Motor Fuel Tax funded road. Trustee Dries suggested doing that on a road that is village funded and only has one or two residents on the road. He specifically mentioned Maiden Lane, Pine Street and sections of Virgil. The committee discussed abandoning those roads. Trustee Higgins advised that those roads had at least one driveway.

## **6. GRANT DISCUSSION**

Trustee Goucher asked for an update on possible grants from Village Engineer Jeremy Lin.

Mr. Lin said that he spoke to Kane County and the process has not started yet for this year, they are waiting on federal funding. It could start in about a month. Mr. Lin advised that based on census data, the project may not qualify, but could focus more on income standards. Mr. Lin said that the village could possibly get a grant on a portion of the project. Trustee Goucher asked Mr. Lin to keep the committee updated on the qualification for the grant.

Trustee Goucher asked if the village could go for a DeKalb County grant at the same time and would they have the same times lines for applications. Mr. Lin said that he has been concentrating on Kane County, but he will get information on the DeKalb County grant process.

Trustee Dries asked if it would be best to start on the DeKalb side. Mr. Lin said that yes, it would be best to start on the DeKalb County side. Mr. Lin said that it depends on when the county gets their allocation as to when the grant process starts. Mr. Lin advised that it would be a good idea to revisit the Department of Agriculture grants.

The committee hung up with Jeremy Lin at 8:05 p.m.

## **7. OTHER ITEMS**

None.

## 8. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Borg made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at

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Liz Peerboom, CMC  
Village Clerk

### Committee Members

Trustee Goucher, Chair

Trustee Borg

Trustee Dries

Trustee Higgins

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