Infrastructure Committee
Minutes
Tuesday, February 10, 2015
7:00 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER / ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM

Chairman Luke Goucher called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m.

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following Committee members were present: Trustee Luke Goucher, Trustee Terry Borg, and Trustee Pat Lunardon. Absent: Trustee Steve Nowak.

Others present: Fire Chief Kevin Peterson, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, Public Works Director Mike Miller, and Village Clerk Liz Peerboom.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS – Any resident wishing to address the Board may do so with a time limit of three to five minutes.

None.

3. MOTION TO APPROVE RULES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Trustee Borg made a motion to approve the Rules for Public Comment, seconded by Trustee Lunardon. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LIST

Village Engineer Jeremy Lin discussed the capital improvement list for the next several years. He said that the list concentrates on street maintenance. He said the focus should be the older section of town, adding that Willow will be completed this summer which is a continuation from last year.

Mr. Lin advised that he thinks that the projects should be paid for out of the Road and Bridge Fund, adding that MFT projects take a lot of time and effort on the village’s part.

Mr. Lin also said that the village could do engineering one year and complete the project the next year.

Mr. Lin then spoke about the water tower. He said that the current tank is not large enough for any more fire flow needs. He said that it makes sense to have one tank on the north side of town and one on the south side of town. He suggested putting in a new $500,000 elevated water tank. Mr. Lin said that even if the village doesn’t have the funds
to complete the new water tank, he needs to keep in on the list. He suggested waiting for the right type of development to fund this project.

Trustee Goucher asked about the fire flow issue. Mr. Lin explained that it is a deficiency in the system and will need to be addressed at some point. He added that currently, he believes the village has a 250,000 gallon tank and a new tank would be about 500,000 gallons [Clerk's Note: Public Works Director Mike Miller researched it and it is actually 150,000 gallons]. Trustee Borg asked about funding for an elevated storage tank. Mr. Lin advised that there are low interest loans, but the village would need to raise water rates to cover the cost of the loan payment.

Trustee Goucher asked about the condition of the current tank. Public Works Director Mike Miller advised that the tank was cleaned and painted five years ago and Mr. Lin advised that the rule of thumb is every ten years.

Trustee Lunardon said that the current tank was painted and cleaned in 2009, and asked how long it was since the last cleaning before that. Trustee Borg said that it had been 20 years.

Mr. Lin also discussed storm water issues. He said that there are no storm water issues identified at this time, but once issues are identified those issues will be addressed.

Trustee Lunardon discussed an issue in the detention pond in Heritage Hills, in a section that has not been accepted by the village.

Trustee Borg asked about the resin purchase. Mr. Miller advised that the resin was not purchased this year because the village is back in compliance. The money will be saved in case it needs to be purchased in the future.

Trustee Borg also asked about potable water and pumped to billed statistics. He also advised that the water pressure goes down in his home after 7:00 p.m. Mr. Lin said that the water pressure issue is separate from the pumped to billed issue. Mr. Miller advised that water pressure is going to be checked at the hydrants this summer. Mr. Lin advised that there may be a difference in the water pressure, but it is still within the norm.

Mr. Lin asked that the Board consider and identify specific projects to be completed in the next budget year. The Committee discussed doing design one year and doing the project the next year. The Committee also discussed which streets got the most use. Mr. Lin suggested doing Pearl first, at a cost of $22,000 for the engineering.

Trustee Borg asked what the village is buying when they pay for surveying and designing. Mr. Lin said that you can’t do a good design without a survey. Then the engineering is the process of drawing the plans and specifications for the project. This tells the contractor how to build the road and the scope of the project. Trustee Goucher asked what the warranty is on a patch. Mr. Lin said that it is one year.

Trustee Goucher asked about the flat curb that was installed in front of the Civic Center, and asked if there was a benefit to putting in that same type of curb in other areas of
town. Mr. Lin said that in normal cases he would say yes, but in the old part of town the area is very flat and putting in a curb could complicate the drainage, but he would consider it on a case by case basis.

The Committee discussed the list of capital improvements that have been compiled by the Board over the last year. Mr. Miller discussed tuck pointing, pond maintenance, and the path around Memorial Park. The Committee also discussed purchasing new weed spraying equipment.

The Committee discussed seal coating. Mr. Lin suggested budgeting something every year to maintain. Mr. Lin suggested the village earmark an amount of money to go toward maintenance. Trustee Goucher asked about the catch basins sinking and feels that it should be on the list. Mr. Lin suggested putting it with seal coating on the list. Mr. Miller will give direction to Village Accountant Cheryl Aldridge to place $20,000 in the budget for street maintenance.

Mr. Miller said that he would like some direction on sidewalk repairs. He said that once he starts replacing sidewalks everyone will want their sidewalk replaced. Trustee Borg suggested reviewing the sidewalk replacement policy.

The Committee discussed floor tile replacement. Trustee Lunardon suggested putting carpet over the tile. Mr. Miller advised that it would not be good to put carpet over the tile.

Mr. Miller discussed street sign replacement. He said that he gets his signs from Blackberry Creek. He added that as signs get replaced he is putting in reflective signs. Trustee Lunardon asked what kind of budget he is looking at to replace parking signs. Mr. Miller said that it would be approximately $200.

5. DISCUSSION OF PARKING ISSUES

No discussion.

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 p.m.

Liz Peerboom, CMC
Village Clerk