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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, January 26, 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 7:00 p.m.

Village Clerk Liz Peerboom called the roll call and the following committee members were present: Chairman Luke Goucher, Trustee JP Dries, and Trustee Chris Higgins.
Absent: Trustee Terry Borg (arrived at 7:01 p.m.)

Others present: Director of Public Works Mike Miller, Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, and 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

• December 22, 2015

Trustee Borg arrived at 7:01 p.m.

Trustee Dries made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of December 22, 2015, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. DISCUSSION OF KANECOM ANTENNA PLACEMENT

Dave Ferris, Director of KaneComm attended the meeting to discuss the placement of the antenna on the water tower. Mr. Ferris talked about the type of antenna that would be placed on the water tower, and advised that there is a new way to attach the antenna – with a giant magnet. Mr. Ferris also advised that there is an antenna on Kaneland School on Keslinger Road.

Trustee Borg asked if there are still “dead zones” where the Maple Park Police Department is without radio service. Trustee Goucher said that is still the case.

Trustee Borg asked who would pay for the installation. Mr. Ferris advised that the cost of the installation would be at the expense of the County, but they do ask that the village add a 20 amp service.

Mr. Ferris suggested that the police department change the batteries in all of the handheld radios. They will know soon if the antenna on Kaneland School is adequate.

The Committee then discussed the distance that a radio would work.

Mr. Ferris also advised that eventually KaneComm will get off of phone lines and go with fiber. Trustee Higgins advised that there is fiber that goes to the water tower at Kaneland School. Mr. Ferris asked if Trustee Higgins would find out what kind of fiber goes to the water tower and who owns the fiber.

Trustee Higgins asked the Village Clerk to find out if the Police Department is a member of ILEAS.

Trustee Borg asked what the Village Engineer thought of this. Mr. Lin advised that it is not a risk to the water supply, but the risk may be structural, although he believes that this project is in good hands.

Trustee Borg said that he is in favor of supporting this, but it is contingent on a full engineering review and that this is at the expense of KaneComm.

Mr. Ferris suggested an intergovernmental agreement, and will make the costs and the engineering review a part of the agreement.

Consensus was to not move this item to the Board agenda, but to wait for the intergovernmental agreement.

5. DISCUSSION OF BUDGET ITEMS

Trustee Goucher asked if Jeremy had an update on budget items. Mr. Lin advised that he does not have an update, but he will work on that and have it ready for the February meeting.

Trustee Dries suggested getting some money for paving. Trustee Goucher suggested giving some direction to the Village Accountant.

Public Works Director Mike Miller said that he suggests fixing where Pleasant Street intersects with Center. He added that Charles Street from Pearl to Washington is beyond repair.

Mr. Lin agreed that those areas need to be addressed because after the watermain repair those streets have been basically patched.

Trustee Higgins suggested eliminating the railroad crossing. Mr. Miller advised that the railroad has offered to stop blowing the horns if we eliminate a crossing. He would agree with that. Trustee Goucher said that that would be a discussion for a different meeting.

Trustee Goucher suggested giving Cheryl ideas and she can see if she can come up with the money.

Trustee Borg suggested abandoning roads like Maiden Lane and then requiring the homeowners to maintain the road.

Trustee Higgins asked if they could walk that section of town before the budget meeting, so that there would be a better understanding of what needs to be done.

6. DISCUSSION OF MAINTENANCE PLAN

Trustee Goucher suggested that the committee combine this item into the next agenda when discussing the budget.

7. DISCUSSION OF PUBLIC WORKS TRUCK PURCHASE

Trustee Goucher asked the Public Works Director to discuss this item. The committee reviewed the bids in the packet that was distributed. Mr. Miller advised that the \$43,800 is with a plow included but he doesn't need the plow this year. Trustee Goucher said that he believes that if they are going to purchase the truck, they might as well get the plow too.

Mr. Miller discussed the aging equipment that is in need of repair. Trustee Goucher asked if there would be anything that would be taken offline, once the truck is purchased. Mr. Miller said that he will sell the 1-ton dump and he will also eliminate the 1994 Chevy. Trustee Higgins asked if there would be enough equipment to get the job done. Mr. Miller advised that there would be.

Trustee Goucher advised that he is in favor of purchasing this truck, but he asked if the Committee can get an asset list.

Trustee Borg asked if this purchase would take away from other street projects. Mr. Miller said that he has no intention of doing any more street projects this year. Trustee Borg asked if Paul Johnson was going to retire soon, and if so would the village maybe not want to replace the position, adding that, if that happens, then possibly the village would not need the equipment. Mr. Miller said that if the Board doesn't want to give Public Works the equipment to do the job, he would retire at the same time Paul retires.

Trustee Goucher said that he understands that the truck is available now. Mr. Miller said that yes the truck is available now.

The committee discussed the different bids. Trustee Higgins is concerned about purchasing a 5 year old truck and then having to put \$5,000 per year into the truck.

Trustee Borg asked if this truck is a “tooling around” truck. Mr. Miller said that it has an 11 foot bed and it is a dump truck and they will not be “tooling around” in it. Trustee Borg asked if you can plow with the pickup trucks. Mr. Miller said that you can plow with a pickup truck, but Heritage Hills Phase III causes more challenges.

Trustee Higgins asked how much the plow and the light bar would be separately. Mr. Miller said that it would be about \$7,000.

Trustee Borg said that he thinks that they should purchase the entire package now.

Trustee Higgins suggested getting rid of some of the old equipment. Mr. Miller said that he would like to get rid of at least the old dump truck.

Trustee Borg asked why there is a gas depot for public works. Mr. Miller advised that the gas is cheaper when purchased in bulk and placed in the gas depot. Trustee Borg said that he would like to see the police department use the gas depot also, if the gas is cheaper. Mr. Miller advised that there is a way that the gas could be separated and charged to each department.

Trustee Dries made a motion to send this item to the full Board for approval, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION OF HERITAGE HILLS RETENTION / DETENTION PONDS

Trustee Goucher advised that the Board has never officially accepted Phase I, or Phase II. He said that the Village Attorney suggested formally putting together a resolution accepting all three phases.

Mr. Lin referenced a conversation between Trustee Borg and Fatima Akrabawi at the January Board meeting, and advised that the watermain that was discussed at the last Board meeting was to be constructed in Phase IV. Therefore, he does not believe it is a punchlist obligation of Phase III. It is his opinion that it is not needed at this time.

The committee discussed a set of plans that Mr. Lin researched and discussed with the design engineer at Wendler Engineering. The design engineer sent a copy of the page that was being discussed, but Mr. Lin did not have the entire set of plans. Trustee Borg asked if Mr. Lin could get a copy of these plans. Mr. Lin said that he will try to get a copy of the most recent plans that were signed by the Village President at that time.

Mr. Lin then discussed the Heritage Hills Phase 1 – North Detention Pond. He advised that it was difficult to review because he was unable to locate the stormwater management report from the village records, and Wendler Engineering does not have it either. Based on the detention pond grading, the basin is very flat at the bottom so would most likely always be wet and soggy. It will be subject to tailwater effects from the Union Ditch. He suggested that the village install drain tiles to try and drain it out faster. His opinion is that it will hold water, but it is flat so it will back up in that area.

Trustee Higgins said that this detention pond had not been accepted because there was no restrictor plate, but the restrictor plate would make the problem worse.

Trustee Borg asked if this area was designed to be a park. Mr. Lin said that he believes that it was to be a park, but there is also evidence that it might have been designed to be a soccer field.

The committee discussed different ideas on what to do next. Trustee Goucher suggested getting this subdivision accepted and moving on.

Trustee Higgins agreed that he would like to put the entire thing to bed and release the escrow. Trustee Borg said that he feels that the village assumes a lot of liability by accepting this subdivision. Trustee Goucher said that the village has to go on what the engineer says, not on what someone remembers may have happened.

The committee discussed the pros and cons of having sidewalks installed by the developer. Mr. Lin said that he thinks the biggest hurdle was cleared when the developer paved the roads in Phase III.

Trustee Goucher would like to sit down with the building inspector to find out what the expectation of build out is going to be once the Board decides to accept the three phases of the subdivision.

Trustee Borg asked if the escrow would be returned with the acceptance of the subdivision. Trustee Goucher said that the village has no legal authority to keep the escrow.

Trustee Borg asked Mr. Lin to ask the engineer for any documents that the village may need.


9. OTHER ITEMS

None.

10. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



Liz Reerboom, CMC
Village Clerk