

Village of Maple Park

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INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, May 24, 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, Trustee Chris Higgins, Trustee Terry Borg,

Others present: 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 according to the Rules of Public Comment and should register with the Village Clerk prior to the meeting.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

April 26, 2016

Trustee Dries made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of April 26, 2016, seconded by Trustee Higgins. Motion carried by voice vote.

4. DISCUSSION OF SIDEWALKS

Director of Public Works Mike Miller talked about his plan for sidewalks and advised the committee that most communities no longer require homeowners to pay for half of the sidewalk repair/replacement. Consensus was to allow the Public Works Director to use his discretion to replace and/or repair sidewalks.

5. DISCUSSION OF WATER RATES

Trustee Goucher advised that the discussion for #5 and #6 would occur at the same time and picked up the discussion from the last meeting. He advised that the water rates may potentially finance a new water tower. The Committee reviewed the Village of Elburn Ordinance. Trustee Goucher suggested putting in an escalator for water and sewer rates.

Trustee Borg did not agree with having an escalator. He said that he is trying to be sensitive to resident's costs. Trustee Higgins said that he believes that water rates in Maple Park are already too high.

Village Engineer Jeremy Lin advised that the water fund is running at a deficit at this time, so water rates clearly need to be raised. Trustee Goucher suggested putting in an escalator, but reviewing the rates and the escalator every year.

Trustee Goucher will look at rates and put together an index for rate increases and bring it back to the committee for review. The Village Clerk will get information to Trustee Goucher to put together this index.

6. DISCUSSION OF SEWER RATES

See above.

7. DISCUSSION OF MAPLE PARK BASEBALL REQUEST

Public Works Director Mike Miller discussed a request received from Maple Park Baseball regarding the placing of limestone on the infield. Mr. Miller said that he is okay with the plan, but would not want to allow limestone to be placed on the field.

After a short discussion, Trustee Borg made a motion to approve the plan, subject to approval by Public Works Director Mike Miller and Village Engineer Jeremy Lin, seconded by Trustee Dries. Motion carried by voice vote.

8. DISCUSSION OF MAINTENANCE PLAN REVIEW

Village Engineer Jeremy Lin advised that he did not have any updates.

Trustee Borg asked if this is where sidewalks would be added. Mr. Lin will add sidewalks to the maintenance list. The committee would like to see a list of bad sidewalks that are safety hazards. Trustee Dries suggested coming up with a protocol of which sidewalks are to be replaced.

Trustee Borg asked about crack sealing, and Trustee Goucher advised that there is money budgeted for crack sealing this year. The committee then discussed pot holes. Trustee Borg asked that Public Works Director Mike Miller give him an idea of what would be done this year.

9. DISCUSSION OF CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS PLAN REVIEW

Trustee Borg asked Mr. Lin for an update. Mr. Lin advised that consensus was that the elevated water tower would be the priority. He will be pursuing a loan from the USDA for this project. Trustee Goucher said that he would be interested to find out what the terms of the loan would be.

10. STATUS OF GRANT WRITING

Trustee Goucher asked about the grant workshop in June. Consensus was that someone from the village should attend. Mr. Lin and Clerk Peerboom would look at their schedules and one them will attend.

11. DISCUSSION OF NOISE ORDINANCE

Trustee Goucher advised that there is a resident that is using heavy equipment and disturbing the neighbors. The committee discussed the code as it is currently written. Committee members sympathized with the resident and agree that the equipment is loud, but the police department is within the law to enforce the code.

Trustee Borg asked Clerk Peerboom to find out why they are not enforcing the code and to find out what the property is being used for.

The committee also discussed the fact that there is more than one accessory building on the property.

Trustee Goucher suggested that the village use the tools that are afforded it under the code and enforce the code that is there. Trustee Goucher will contact the building inspector and the police chief to find a resolution.

12. OTHER ITEMS

Trustee Dries talked about an issue with the code on fences that are on corner lots. Trustee Goucher advised that he spoke to the building inspector about this issue, adding that he would like to have the building inspector at the next meeting.

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

Liz Peerboom, CMC

Village Clerk

Committee Members

Trustee Goucher, Chair

Trustee Borg

Trustee Dries

Trustee Higgins

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