

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 27, 2015
7:00 a.m.
Village Conference Room

Attendance

Timothy Nugent, Mayor	x
Tim Boyce, Trustee	x
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	x
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	x
Samuel Martin, Trustee	x
Joel Gesky, Trustee	x
Bernie Thompson, Village Admin.	x
Brian O'Keefe, Super of PW	x
Chris LaRocque, Dir. Of Bldg/Zoning	
Keith Mulholland, Tyson Eng.	x
Jim Hanley, Street/Alley Super.	
Terry Wilson, WPCC Supervisor	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	x

Trustee Boyce called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m. There was no public participation.

Discussion Items:

• **2014 Project Update** (*Mulholland*)

Mr. Mulholland presented his spreadsheet with updated information. (see attached).

The authorization to bid for the slip lining project will be put before the Village Board in February. There has been no Village payment to Gallagher for the Main Street parking lot yet, the Village is waiting until certain repairs are completed. Mr. Mulholland will send letter to Gallagher about the deducting of the cost of repairs to a light wire at the Cypress Street project. Repairs were made by Outsen Electric.

Mr. O'Keefe stated that to put lights in the Heritage Park parking lot he can use budgeted money reserved for light pole replacement. There is \$8000 budgeted and he would like to buy three (3) solar lights to put in the parking lot. Trustee Martin also asked about putting this same type of light in Eddie Reed Park. It was suggested that the village wait until we see how effective these lights will be before installing more in other areas of town.

Mr. O'Keefe updated the committee about the purchase of a generator for WPCC. A used one has been found in Momence at considerable less (\$15,500) than what a new one would cost. The estimate for a new unit would be between \$40,000 -\$60,000. The unit will need to be installed on a trailer to allow for portability. The cost of the trailer is \$2,800. The tank on the generator is 50 gallons and the unit will run for approximately 48 hours without a fill up.

A new chipper truck was budgeted for in the FY 14-15. The staff looked at three (3) different make and models. The staff is recommending purchase of a Vermeer, which is the same make as our current chipper. The old chipper will be declared surplus at the next village board meeting

and an authorization to purchase will be placed on the agenda. The new purchase includes a trade-in and the use of the NJPA purchasing process.

- **Pet Waste Bags for Parks** (*O'Keefe*)

It has been found that dog waste in Legacy Park and Heritage Park is not being picked up by dog owners. The Public Works department would like to install pet waste bag receptacles in these parks to help with the issue. Two units will be placed in both parks. The pole will have the receptacles with bags. Trash cans are already available.

- **Properties – 87/89 S. Main, 47 W. Adams, 84 W. Second** (*Thompson*)

Several years ago the Village offered to buy 84 W. Second St. for \$60,000. The owners were not interested at the amount, but the price of the house has since been dropped to \$69,900. This property is directly across from the street where the village has recently purchased two (2) properties. This same owner also owns 87/89 S. Main and would be willing to sell both properties to the village for \$110,000. The Village is not interested in the South Main property. It is a very narrow lot and would not be usable unless the village could obtain 47 W. Adams.

Mayor Nugent stated that it would make more sense at this time to buy 84 W. Second since this would leave only one lot in the area that the village would not own. The property is also located in the TIF district.

- **2014 Fuel Report** (*O'Keefe*)

Mr. O'Keefe presented several reports showing fuel consumption and savings. The Village has saved money by buying fuel in bulk verses at the pump.

- **2014 Hours Report** (*O'Keefe*)

Mr. O'Keefe presented a chart showing hours worked in each area for each employee of the Public Works Department.

- **2014 Equipment Report** (*O'Keefe*)

Mr. O'Keefe presented a chart showing mileage, fuel used, repair costs and hours used for all pieces of equipment in the Public Works Department. Mr. O'Keefe would like to seek a replacement for a F150 pick-up truck, the Mechanics van and a F925 mower in the FY 15-16 budget.

- **2015 Budget Items (FY15-16)** (*O'Keefe*)

Mr. O'Keefe has been preparing his list of items for the FY 15-16 budget. Items include, but are not limited to: roof for the lab building, conversion to KRMA, filter room update, new truck, slip lining, new street sweeper, Spruce Street overlay, arrow board, barricades, and post driver.

Mayor Nugent stated that some items may need to be cut after numbers come in for all departments.

- **Misc.**

- Mayor Nugent would like to see a project that would incorporate the design of downtown throughout the whole village. The project would be to replace the street signs with a decorative pole that would match the look of the poles on Main Street, Division and Rt. 50. Similar projects are being down in Peotone and Beecher. Mr. O'Keefe did some

preliminary pricing. The entire project could cost between \$250,000 - \$300,000. There are 242 total poles to be replaced. More designs and prices will be obtained. Funding for the project could come from TIF and possibly the Aqua reserves. Mayor Nugent would like to see the project bid out and not have the work completed by the Public Works Department. The villages of Peotone and Beecher are having their village employees complete the project over several years.

- Mayor Nugent would like to have the department clean, replace and straighten the current street sign posts. Mr. O'Keefe stated that this will be completed once the snow is off the ground.
- Mr. Mulholland was questioned about completing the village MFT overlay program earlier in the year since there are several large state projects getting ready to start. Mr. Mulholland will check to see if this would be beneficial. Mr. O'Keefe and Mr. Mulholland will have an updated list of street repairs for the February committee meeting.
- Mayor Nugent asked about the Emerald Ash Borer. Mr. O'Keefe stated that the village is in the third year of a five year project to replace or treat all ash trees. 40-50 trees will be replaced in 2015.
- Trustee Martin stated that the Pear Trees should be checked around July 4th to see about how they are doing after the treatment they received in 2014.
- Christmas lights on Main Street trees will be turned off as of February 1st.
- Mr. Thompson stated that an organization is requesting use of the Ice Rink to host a Hockey Tournament. The Village will allow for this year and see how it works.
- The question of whether to allow advertisement on the dasher boards of the rink was discussed. A survey of the current chamber members will be conducted to see if there is any interest in this type of advertisement.
- The FY15-16 budget will incorporate landscaping costs for the outside of the skate rink.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 a.m.

Meeting notes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk