



additional funding. Commissioners discussed other possible projects that might qualify, such as the one-way street under the railroad tracks at Taylor.

The Com Ed undergrounding project on Lambert Road was presented to the Board in January and is pending further discussions with Com Ed due to cost and scope concerns. This cost will be paid by residents under a Rider LCG provision. Completion of this work is necessary in order to permit construction of the right turn lane project at Lambert and Roosevelt.

**PROJECT STATUS REPORT:**

The first project to begin this year is likely to be the Park/GE Place Improvements. Bids should go out in February for the Braeside project. There will be block grant money for that project.

Negotiations are continuing with property owners on right of way acquisition for the Riford Road project. This must be resolved before the State will allow the project to proceed to bid. Also, the Park District still has concerns about the wetland buffer area north of St. Charles Road in Ackerman Park. The Village Board will revisit the sidewalk issue on Riford in March. This project will probably not go out for bids until June and may be done in phases. Timing is important in order to take advantage of the funding.

The SSES project has been approved and will be getting underway soon. On Essex Court, the design engineer is writing a proposal for the redesign. The project will be bid when funding is available.

Some water/sewer projects might be eligible for funding. These will probably be distributed through the IEPA revolving loan fund program, which was the method used to finance the Lambert Farms project. The Ben Franklin School storm water storage project should start in April with completion this summer. There is an intergovernmental agreement to be finalized on this project. The Hill Avenue water main extension is awaiting response from the residents.

The Village Board approved the CIC recommendation on Sunset and the engineer has been authorized to proceed with the design. He will investigate the possibility of making the change requested by Mr. Whalen at Sunset and Arlington.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS:**

Director Caracci discussed the budget saying some of the revenues are not what was anticipated, particularly in the General Fund. He said there will be no surplus in the General Fund, and the expected Corporate Reserve contribution to capital projects will not be available. This will mean further delays in some of the projects on the schedule, but projects where outside funding is available will continue this year, such as Park/GE Place (MFT), Braeside (Block Grant) and Riford Road (STP). Locally funded projects will be pushed out a year. The assumption in the proposed budget is that Sunset/Turner and Essex Court will be deferred until next year. Taylor and Bryant should not be reconstructed at the same time, so bids will go out this year for the 2009 Street Improvements Projects that features significant work on Taylor between Highview and Duane.

Director Caracci said it appears there will be a decrease of 5.7% in revenue sources. Due to the current economy, building permits and interest income, two major sources of revenue, have both gone down dramatically. The FY09 Budget anticipates a \$578,000 deficit for the current fiscal year and a \$388,000 deficit for FY10. Projections for future years show continued increases in the deficit.

Many items in the budget have been affected by the decrease in revenue. Everything new was cut. In all, approximately \$1.2 million has been cut from the Public Works budget. Equipment replacement and building maintenance have been deferred to next year. Pavement markings have been cut. The trimming program has been cut in half. There will be no plantings and no Emerald Ash Borer treatment or Gypsy Moth spraying. Service cuts and reductions in personnel are also possible. Director Caracci had concerns about taking care of current employees and keeping salaries and benefits competitive.

Director Caracci said an increase in the sales tax has been recommended with the proposal of a 1% home rule sales tax. This would bring in enough revenue to cover the deficit. Glen Ellyn is one of the few communities that currently does not have such a tax add-on. There will probably be some public outreach to discuss the proposed tax. The water rates will increase to reflect the increase in purchase price from the DuPage Water Commission. The Village has explored revenue sources and the possibility of not funding some services this year.

Commissioners continued to review the draft budgets for the Water/Sewer Funds, the Parking/MFT Fund and the Capital Budget. They discussed the impact of the current economic situation and the decrease in revenue on the 20-Year Street Improvement Program. Because of the slowdown in the construction industry, they thought it likely that bids could come in lower on some projects. They speculated on what might be possible with the receipt of stimulus funds.

To recap, P. E. Minix stated that the 2009 Street Improvements would go out for bids and then staff will see how things look for Sunset/Turner. As of now, it will be delayed. Any change in that will depend on the bid results. If Bryant is eligible for stimulus money it may be possible to get that project in place. There will need to be some patching done on projects that are delayed.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chairman Piszczek moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

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