

MINUTES

BOARD or COMMISSION: Capital Improvements **DATE:** 05/12/09

MEETING: Regular **Special** **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:38 PM

QUORUM: YES **NO:** **ADJOURNED:** 9:37 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Piszczek (9:14);
Commissioners Colliander, Lindquist,
O'Carroll (8:58), Popp, Pryde, Thelen and
Ryne.

OTHERS: Public Works Director Joe
Caracci and Professional Engineer Bob
Minix

ABSENT: Commissioner Brugh

AUDIENCE: None Present

CALL TO ORDER:

The May 2009 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Pro-Tem Craig Pryde at 7:38 p.m. A quorum was present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the April meeting minutes with a spelling correction noted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Pryde. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

In the absence of the Trustee Liaison, Public Works Director Caracci reported that the new Village Board has been installed and Mark Pfefferman will be the new Village President.

Director Caracci said that the Board tabled a proposed ethics ordinance. The old board was not able to vote on the measure because there were still too many questions to be answered. There are some items in the ordinance that relate to Commissioners. The ordinance is likely to come up at the June Board Meeting. Commissioners indicated an interest in reviewing the ordinance. Director Caracci reported that future board workshops would be televised in an effort to have everything out in the open. There may be a change in the schedule for Board and Workshop meetings.

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

Capital Project Funding – Director Caracci distributed a number of spreadsheets outlining the suggested re-scheduling of future projects and addressing the Capital Project funding issues and long term financial plan for three work scenarios.

Essentially, Scenario #1 is a baseline document that splits the FY2010 program into a two year program, pushing the long term program out one year. This scenario does not account for current bidding experience or ARRA dollars.

Scenario #2 shows the FY2010 projects with actual bids and engineering costs. It includes the Sunset/Turner project and shows engineering costs and funding for the FY2011 ARRA projects. This scenario shows the work for south Park and south Lambert, and moves Bryant up (but without the Thain's Addition resurfacing). This scenario pushes back Essex Ct. to FY2012 and delays Riford Road to FY2011.

Scenario #3 shows the FY2010 projects with actual bids and engineering costs, delays Riford Road to FY2011, shows the engineering costs and funding for the FY2011 ARRA projects (resurfacing of South Park and South Lambert), pushes back Sunset/Turner and Essex Ct. to FY2012; and looks at what it would take to do both Bryant and the Thain's Addition work in FY2011.

Commissioners discussed the options presented, taking into consideration projected funding shortfalls and the anticipated stimulus money to be received by the Village. Bid prices coming in are good, and money will be saved on this year's projects. If the bids continue to come in low more savings could be realized. Current projections show a \$2 million deficit in FY2013. The Hawthorne reconstruction project is scheduled for that year, but with current projections the project cannot be done as scheduled. P. E. Minix suggested the project might be split into two phases to accommodate funding limitations.

Commissioners brought up maintenance work that would be needed if projects are deferred. Director Caracci stated that there are drainage issues on Sunset/Turner that need to be resolved. Between the drainage and skip patching, costs could come to \$60,000 on those two streets. Other roads might also require skip patching if they are delayed. Discussion continued on the best way to reschedule the long term program for the next three years and determining the top priority projects. There are many things to consider; the condition of the roadways, water/sewer issues and the available funding. P. E. Minix stated that the Bryant area work could be done in two phases, consisting of the reconstruction of Bryant in Year 1 and the balance in Year 2.

Commissioners discussed options on Essex Ct. This project was originally scheduled for FY2012, then was moved up and now is being moved back again. The cost of the project has gone from \$300,000 to \$1,200,000 mostly because of the drainage issues relating to availability of private property easements. Commissioners are concerned because there have been serious issues with property damage from flooding on Essex, but overall only a few houses are involved, whereas Bryant affects many more residents and would be a higher priority. It may be possible to receive some grant funding from FEMA on Essex Court.

Commissioners discussed where money could be saved. It was mentioned that the Village is not going "green" in products being used. P. E. Minix responded that recycled material was not clean material; it has contaminants. The Village has tried to use those materials in the past but was not satisfied with their performance. He said some recycled asphalt has been used with success and they could consider doing more in that regard.

It was suggested that downtown work might not be done for years. It could be possible that a TIFF district would be created, meaning that the tax revenue from an area would go back into that area.

Overall, Commissioners were leaning towards Scenario #3. They agreed that Bryant should be pushed up and the Village needs to aggressively skip patch in order to be in position to move other projects back in the schedule. Staff is looking at water and sewer improvements to see what has to be done. Commissioners suggested that staff create a scenario with a no negative balances throughout the planning period.

Commissioner Colliander suggested the public should be informed about the situation and the impact of the economy on the long term program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Commissioner Pryde mentioned that there is standing water in his neighborhood and asked if there was a water table issue that wasn't there before. Director Caracci said they have received consistent complaints about standing water all over Glen Ellyn in the past couple of years. There are 43 drainage complaints right now. He suggests there are a couple of causes including record rain events, frozen ground and a rising water table. People seem to think that construction is the cause of the problem, but staff is not convinced that is the case.

Commissioner Pryde suggested something be put in the Village Newsletter about drainage complaints so residents are aware that the Village is monitoring the issue. Director Caracci noted that the Village investigates complaints but they find that for most of them, it is not the responsibility of the Village to fix the problem. It could be a sump-pump problem. Or quite often, the problem is created because the neighborhood was developed with a built-in low spot in the rear of the properties. The Village will help to provide direction to residents on what they need to do to fix the problem with a brochure being developed by our drainage consultant.

On another issue, Commissioner Colliander mentioned the debris being left by the contractor on the Ben Franklin project. P. E. Minix agreed the contractor should be cleaning up the street and he will check into their procedures.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Caracci reported that Public Works is gearing into Spring/Summer activities: downtown planting, hydrant flushing, roadway patching, tree work orders and stump grinding, landscape restorations and special events.

The company that provided the Canopy software program which stored data on the inventory of Village trees has gone out of business. PW has received the data and is investigating designing their own software package using Cartegraph. Gypsy Moth spraying by helicopter will begin in late May in the area north of Hill and east of Main. Two sprays are scheduled with the goal of controlling the moth population. Funding has been approved by the Board for cleaning and repairs to Well #6 which provides back-up water supply. Some components will have to be replaced. The SCADA system upgrades and improvements for the Glenbard Wastewater Authority have been approved.

Grants have been received for the ARRA “stimulus package” work on Park Boulevard and the DuPage County Water Quality Improvement Program which will provide an open channel from Riford Road to Perry’s Pond. Two GWA wastewater projects for IEPA have grants pending which could save the Village \$1.275 million. These involve the St. Charles Road Lift Station and Lombard Combined Sewer Overflow Plant. The Village will also apply for an IEPA grant for the Hill Avenue water and sewer program.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT:

P. E. Minix reported that the Park/GE Place/Prairie project is a week into construction and is scheduled to be completed by July 4th. The Braeside Sanitary/Surrey Drive Improvements which received a block grant will start this week and will be completed in October. The focal point is Surrey Drive from Roosevelt to Briar. The pre-con for the 2009 Street Improvements Project is scheduled for May 13. The project will start after Memorial Day.

Riford Road reconstruction will not happen this year because the delays in the land acquisition will delay the bid letting. The Phase I work for the right turn lane on Lambert has been approved but the second phase of the project involves another land acquisition. Work to move the water main should begin next week on the Route 53 Bridge Project.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Colliander moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Lach, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by R. Minix, VGE Public Works Department