

MINUTES

BOARD or COMMISSION: Capital Improvements **DATE:** 11/10/09

MEETING: Regular Special **CALLED TO ORDER:** 7:37 PM

QUORUM: YES NO: **ADJOURNED:** 10:11 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Piszczek;
Commissioners Brugh, Colliander,
Lindquist, Pryde and Thelen.

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Phil Hartweg,
Public Works Director Joe Caracci,
Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners O'Carroll, Popp,
and Ryne

AUDIENCE: See List Attached

CALL TO ORDER:

The November 2009 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Piszczek at 7:37 p.m. A quorum was present.

The evening began with the Public Hearing held annually for the long term Street Improvements Program. Chairman Piszczek began the meeting by welcoming the audience. He stated that the Commission long ago committed to do an annual review of the Street Improvements Program and provide a forum to receive citizen input and provide everyone an opportunity to speak.

Professional Engineer Bob Minix thanked the audience for attending the forum. He briefly mentioned the criteria that have been used for scheduling street projects over the course of the 20 Year Plan, but said his presentation this evening would focus instead on the status of funding for the program and how that has impacted the schedule. The Village is currently about half way through the program, the goal of which is to keep Village roadways in good condition. Since the 20 Year Plan began, he said, there has been an intensive program focusing in the beginning on the storm sewer projects, the last of which was completed in 2008. During the recent past the focus has been more on roadway projects, with about 2 ¾ miles of roadway completed this year. The Village has tried to complete about three miles per year.

P. E. Minix reminded the audience that at this time last year the decision was made that property taxes being used to pay off the bonds would be redirected to the capital budget to help fund the street program as the bonds are retired. He explained the other sources of income for the Program: utility taxes, real estate transfer taxes, motor fuel taxes, cash reserves from the Capital program and income from the general fund. A chart was displayed (copy attached) depicting a 5-year funding projection of the program from 2009 to 2013, which illustrates the shortfall expected in revenues.

Mr. Ed Burtis of 760 Riford Road commented that the utility tax was a very expensive tax. He said that when it was initially enacted, it was supposed to be a short term tax and it was too bad it was still in force. P. E. Minix said that the tax has been a primary source of funding for the Capital Program. He said the goal of the Program is to not have a negative bottom line, so adjustments in the scheduling of projects are now inevitable and some projects will be delayed.

P. E. Minix pointed out other factors such as additional needs and opportunities that were not originally anticipated when the program schedule was first developed. This year when preparing for the annual review, they took these needs and opportunities into consideration.

He stated some of the needs, or additional projects that have been identified that will impact the schedule and capital dollars. These include repairs to the land bridge on Nicoll Way which has significant deterioration on the upper level. There is also necessary repair to the Hill Avenue bridge over the east branch of the DuPage River which would be a joint project with Lombard. This project would be significantly funded with government dollars but would still add other costs to the Village. In total, about \$500,000 in added projects is anticipated.

Opportunities relate to grants that are available or have already been received by the Village. However, P. E. Minix explained that when a grant is received to fund a particular project, the Village has to provide funding for the local share portion of the project. If this doesn't happen in the defined time frame, the grant funding is lost and the project cannot be done. While the receipt of grant funding is an opportunity, it means that matching funds have to be found and other projects already scheduled will have to be deferred. Some 2009 stimulus money will be received this year to finish road work on Park Boulevard, and in addition Lambert Road, but the funds received will not entirely cover the cost of the projects. Another \$200,000 will be required in engineering and non-grant construction to complete the project. Other grant money has been received for channel improvements (Lake Ellyn outfall at Riford Road) which is a needed project but the Village will have to fund most of the cost which will be another \$100,000. A community block grant was received this year for work in the Braeside area of the Village and applications have been submitted for two other possible grants in that area.

In closing, P. E. Minix responded to a question from the audience regarding the amount for the real estate transfer tax depicted on the chart. He explained that the shortfall shown for each item takes into consideration the projection for the anticipated revenue for the five years charted.

Public Works Director Caracci addressed the audience and discussed the two scenarios he had developed for modifying the current Program. These had been distributed to the audience. He explained how each scenario was prepared taking the needs and opportunities into consideration.

Scenario #1 attempts to mirror the original plan but has the original projects pushed out about two years due to funding shortfalls and other project priorities. In Scenario #2 he looked further out through the last 10 years of the Plan and focused on grouping projects in a logical way according to geography, major roadways, etc. Next year, he told the audience, the Village would move forward with the reconstruction of Riford Road. Bids will be let in March of 2010 and Federal funding will support about 70% of the roadway and storm sewer costs. Another project would be resurfacing of Park Blvd. and Lambert Road, funded with stimulus money. It is hoped that the Lambert Road portion will also be covered by the available stimulus money. The third project will be the Bryant Avenue/Thain's Subdivision project. Bryant Avenue has probably the worst roadway condition of any major street in Glen Ellyn and the Village believes it cannot be pushed back any further. In FY 2012 (calendar year 2011 construction) Scenario #1 again is close to the original plan but in Scenario #2 the grouping is changed somewhat, bringing Grand and Lake into the Essex Court project since they are close to each other. Overall, Director Caracci said he has tried to keep the bottom line positive and stay as close as possible to the original plan while scheduling projects in a logical manner.

Ted Boduch, 55 Valley Road, said his street was not scheduled for several years but they have a dangerous situation where pavement is deteriorating. He said this happened after sewer work was done. He brought chunks of pavement that he said children pick up and throw at each other as well as onto neighbor lawns where they can be picked up by a lawn mower. He said he counted 50 pieces of loose pavement. He is concerned about people being injured. P. E. Minix said the Village Civil Engineer has looked at the roadway and they feel more than skip patching needs to be done to hold the road together until it is scheduled ten years from now. He is hopeful that next year the Village can do a maintenance overlay of the roadway. Director Caracci said that this method has been used successfully in other areas. In the meantime, the operations group will go out to the street to locate and remove loose pavement.

Ted Boduch's neighbor John Greenwald, 56 Valley Road, also stated that the street is disintegrating and needs to be added to the Program. This prompted more discussion on the source and distribution of revenue received from the various taxes. Mr. Greenwald wanted assurance that the tax revenue was not going to be used for downtown improvement but was being used for the roadway Program. He suggested that Public Works check out the work recently done on Surrey Drive as he believes it is poorly constructed.

Ed Burtis, 760 Riford Road, suggested that if the Village wanted to save money they should eliminate the plans for sidewalk on the west side of Riford Road. He believes it will not be used by children from Meredith, but instead will be a dumping ground for the snowplows since it is next to the road. He thought it a good place to save money. Director Caracci said the sidewalk issue will be decided by the Village Board. There will be an opportunity for residents to discuss their concerns with the Village Board early next year prior to the project construction. Mr. Burtis asked if the federal funding would be impacted if the sidewalk was not installed. P. E. Minix pointed out that the sidewalk is a federally funded item so that portion of the funding would not be received, but it would not stop the project.

Thomas Waters of 740 Grand Avenue, a 25-year resident, agrees with Mr. Burtis and feels that the Commission should take the initiative to recommend to the Board that the sidewalk not be done. It is superfluous. He appreciates that the Village has taken a lot of time studying this issue and is attempting to save trees, but he says that in winter the sidewalk won't be used at all. He understands this is general policy but this should be an exception.

Mary Demling, 764 Riford, asked which section of Riford would be done first. Director Caracci said the contractor will determine how the project is constructed. P. E. Minix added that the Park District preferred that work in the St. Charles Road area be done first so it does not interfere with their project. She added that the sidewalk at Ackerman is only on the east side and wondered if someone was putting sidewalk on the west side. Since it is Park District property, Director Caracci said it would be their jurisdiction. In response to another question, Director Caracci stated that all issues were not resolved. Ms. Demling was concerned about trees near 715 St. Charles. P. E. Minix said additional grading would be necessary because of the steep grade in the area and that the existing trees will be removed. The Village will be assisting the 715 St. Charles homeowner with a decorative "living" fence to provide screening.

Don St. Clair, 672 Pleasant, asked if the cost of one scenario was higher than the other. Director Caracci said that the numbers were comparable. Projections include inflation factors but overall

there was not much difference to the bottom line. Mr. St. Clair asked who would make the decision between which of the scenarios to use. Director Caracci said it would involve a recommendation by the Capital Improvement Commission to the staff on how to proceed.

John Huston, 588 N. Ellyn, had some questions about the roadway reconstruction design criteria and when it was established. Director Caracci explained the process, saying that although there is an established design criteria regarding sidewalks for the Village, they like to get the residents involved early and get their input so the design doesn't have to be changed later in the process.

Dan Anderson, 668 Essex Road, said that dialogue on Essex Road started 10 years ago, in 1999. He reviewed some of the recent history and said they all thought the project would be done in 2008 when all the neighbors met in support of the project. Some time in late July, they learned that one of the homeowners had objected to giving up the right of way through their property. He was disappointed that there was not better communication from the Village because the majority of the property owners did not know about this change. He believes the Village does not have a detailed plan for the cost of the project, and his understanding was that the original plan would have cost half of what is currently projected. His questions are 1) do you have a detailed plan, and 2) to what extent should the objections of one homeowner cause the taxpayers to spend an additional \$600,000? Mr. Anderson feels that the Village is giving more priority to one individual than to an entire group.

P. E. Minix said that the cost shown in the plan represents a different approach to handling the water issue on Essex Court. The new plan avoids using the private property. However, he said it is more expensive to stay on the right of way, but there are additional benefits with this routing. As far as the second question, he said the homeowners in question felt that giving up their land for the project would prevent them from fully using their property to expand.

Roland Emanuel, 708 Essex Court, thanked the Commission for keeping Essex Court on the agenda in spite of it being a topic for so long. He said the problems they have had with flooding is beyond belief. He feels that the Board has responsibility to seek the best alternative in these economic times. The group of neighbors originally included everyone and they had no idea that one of them had changed their mind. He wonders how the other homeowners are assured that this work will actually be done in 2011. He invited P. E. Minix to come out during the next storm to see what is happening. He says nothing is being absorbed into the ground. When the cul-de-sac floods, there have been times when police and fire trucks could not get through. Residents are trapped in their homes.

Director Caracci said the original plan is still not out of the question. He said they have to discuss the matter with the Village Board in an executive session. It will be the Board decision on how they want to handle it. There was additional discussion on the issue and the objections of the homeowners to giving up their property.

Chairman Piszczek asked when Staff would begin that process so the project can stay on schedule. Director Caracci said they are still looking into other options including additional grants. P. E. Minix said that a FEMA grant would be based on the extent and dollar amount of damage. Commissioner Colliander assured the residents that the Commission is always discussing Essex Court. There was additional discussion of flooding problems experienced throughout the Village.

Janiece Waters, 740 Grand Avenue, said their driveway access point is on Chidester which is slated for full reconstruction in the future. She wondered if that included regrading the road. Director Caracci said that the entire roadway would be studied to determine how to proceed. The Village typically holds public meetings to hear resident comments once the engineers are working on final design details. Residents will be invited again for pre-construction meetings. She said she also is concerned with sidewalks being installed and destroying their trees. Director Caracci said there would be an opportunity for residents to speak out. Tom Waters thanked the Staff and Commissioners for making the process transparent.

P. E. Minix mentioned an email that had been received from Mr. Bob Loro and distributed to Commissioners prior to the meeting. Mr. Loro could not make the meeting but requested that the Commission consider moving up the reconstruction planned for Glenbard Road east of Rt. 53. A copy of Mr. Loro's email is attached.

Dan Anderson had a comment about plans he had heard to raise the football field at Glenbard West three or four feet which he said would have an effect on flooding north of the field. Director Caracci said the school is working with engineers to develop plans but nothing has come to the Village as yet.

There being no further comments, the Public Hearing ended at 9:07 p.m. Commissioners continued to discuss the comments heard and the scenarios presented. Chairman Piszczek asked for discussion on action needed to be taken as a result of the Public Hearing. Director Caracci said the only new items to come up this evening were Valley Road and the email on Glenbard Road. P. E. Minix said Valley Road is in the plan although it does not show on the map. They will take a look at the PCI.

Discussion continued on options for resolving the Essex Road issues and completing the project, as well as sidewalk issues in the Riford Road area. Final decision on both will be up to the Board. As far as Essex Road, Director Caracci said that FEMA will provide money to purchase property but there are specific criteria that must be met in order to qualify for funding.

Director Caracci asked Commissioners to consider the scenarios presented. P. E. Minix will look at water and sewer issues and provide information to the Commissioners. They also discussed the inflation rate in regard to projected costs of the Program. It was suggested that scenario #2 had less flexibility if there was another severe budget crunch next year.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Pryde moved to approve the October meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Liaison Phil Hartweg said the Board heard a variety of suggestions offered for the Library bond question, one of which was to shut down the library. Overall, from a bond and construction standpoint he said, this is the best time to do the work. The Library does not have any capital funding to do the work. The Village Board has to approve the funding. It is past the point where anything can be recovered from the contractor.

The Village Board has said "No" to video gaming. A neighborhood issue regarding sports involves temporary lighting of Memorial Field until the end of the football season.

PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Director Caracci reported that Public Works is wrapping up activities for the season. They are skip patching roads, patching parking lots and doing a complete overlay of the Main Street lot between Giesche's store and Santa Fe Restaurant. The Prospect Avenue crossing will be closed next week for railroad track work. Public Works is getting equipment ready for the snow season and preparing to get the Christmas tree put up next week. Director Caracci will check on a Commissioner's report of poor work being done on pothole patching.

PROJECT STATUS REPORT:

P. E. Minix reported that projects are wrapping up. Work on the Braeside project is in the final stages. The surface course was placed on Surrey Drive. Some sewer lining remains to be done. The 2009 Streets projects is concentrating on areas near the golf course with the final surface course scheduled for Friday. Good weather in November has helped in completing activities. They will try to get an extension of the storm sewer on Turner done this year to address a local drainage issue. The Park, Glen Ellyn and Prairie project issues with the contractor are still to be resolved. He said this has been a reasonably successful construction year. There was a question about whether the Village had thought about putting in 'choke points' to slow down traffic. P. E. Minix said they had not really looked into this because our roads are already narrow. He said they have reconfigured the traffic flow in a few spots such as in the Braeside area.

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Caracci said he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the current situation at the Glenbard Wastewater Authority. They are currently dealing with the planned St. Charles Road Lift Station replacement which was estimated as a \$3.3 million dollar project. A bid of \$2.4 million was received but now funding is an issue, as new managers have come on the Executive Oversight group. Some items, such as pumping stations, apparently were omitted from previous capital plans. Since the lift station serves Glen Ellyn only and not Lombard, the Village of Lombard does not feel they should pay for the work. Just last month, however, Director Caracci said it was agreed that available money in the GWA Capital Fund would be used for the project; however there is now disagreement with how that money will be used and repaid. Discussions between the Village managers regarding how the funding is applied are taking place. The lift station work has to be done because the station is 35 years old and it was only designed to last 25 years. Glen Ellyn doesn't want to lose out on this excellent bid and defer the project. If there is not enough money in the water/sewer fund, the Village may have to borrow money from another fund although this is not preferred.

Commissioners decided the December 2009 meeting would be cancelled since there is no immediate business pending. The CIC will next convene in January, 2010.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved to adjourn the meeting; motion seconded by Commissioner Lindquist. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 10:11 p.m.

Submitted by Lori Lach, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by R. Minix, Glen Ellyn Public Works

Capital Improvements Commission
November 10, 2009 Open Forum

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| TED BODUCH | 55 VALLEY ROAD |
| PAULINE BODUCH | " |
| John Greenwald | 56 Valley Rd. |
| Ed Burtis | 760 Riford Rd |
| Mary Demling | 764 Riford Rd. |
| David Albert | 837 Seminary Circle |
| Jeff Jourdan | 291 S. Elyn Ave |
| Janice Waters | 740 Grand Ave |
| John Huston | 588 N. Elyn |
| Thomas Waters | 740 Grand Ave |
| Dan Anderson | 668 Essex Rd. |
| Roland Emanuel | 708 Essex Ct. |
| Don St. CLAIR | 672 PLEASANT AVE |
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**CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDING
2009 through 2013**

| SOURCE | 5-YR. TOTAL | EXPECTED SHORTFALL |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------|
| Utility Taxes (for capital projects) | \$8,450,000 | \$925,000 |
| Real Estate Transfer Taxes | \$2,350,000 | \$2,010,000 |
| Property Taxes | \$7,865,000 | \$500,000 |
| Transfers from General Fund | \$0 | \$3,500,000 |
| Totals | \$18,665,000 | \$6,935,000 |

Average cost of roadway improvement program, 2009-2013 = **\$5,740,000**

Other Factors

- ❖ Required fiscal conformity i.e., no negative balances
- ❖ Additional Projects – Needs and Opportunities

Needs: Nicoll Land Bridge, Hill Avenue Bridge

Opportunities: Lake Ellyn Outfall Channel grant; Braeside CDBG grant; ARRA funds

Bob Minix

From: Bob Loro [bobloro@loroautoworks.com]
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Bob Minix
Cc: Adraths@glenellyninfo.org

Mr. Minix,

I will be out of town and therefore unable to attend the meeting on November 10th concerning the Long-Term Street Improvement Plan. I would therefore ask that you read this email into the record of that meeting and distribute it to all the commissioners and whoever else may be in position to effect change. As you know by our past conversations and my attendance to a prior meeting, I am concerned about the portion of Glenbard Road east of Route 53. This street was originally slated to be completely redone in 2007 and then without notice to the residents or people that use this street, the reconstruction was cancelled. At the meeting I attended, after discovering this cancellation had taken place, I testified that school buses must put one wheel off the pavement whenever a vehicle approaches from the other direction. To remedy this; you and the commission had the street "extensively patched". Even after this "extensive patching", the road is still in very bad condition and in need of engineering work to make it safe by widening and striping it or by removing the blind spot that does not allow you to see oncoming traffic until a collision almost occurs. This is still a very dangerous road that needs repairs before someone gets hurt or killed. I have watched patiently as many streets north of Roosevelt Road that were in better condition receive resurfacing and reconstruction and wish to know when the people south of Roosevelt road will receive our share of attention and repairs that our taxes pay for.

A Concerned Citizen,
Bob Loro