

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: 1/11/11

MEETING: Regular X Special _____ CALLED TO ORDER: 7:59 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _____ ADJOURNED: 9:53 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Piszczek;
Commissioners Brugh, Colliander,
Lindquist, Thelen

OTHERS: Trustee Liaison Hartweg,
Professional Engineer Bob Minix

ABSENT: Commissioners O'Carroll,
Popp, Pryde and Ryne

AUDIENCE: John Huston

CALL TO ORDER:

The January 11, 2011 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission was called to order by Chairman Piszczek at 7:59 PM. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Mr. John Huston of 588 Ellyn Avenue; Glen Ellyn, Illinois addressed the Commission regarding the Hawthorne Boulevard widening. P. E. Minix gave an update on the project status. It will probably be spring when the design process starts. The next step for the Village is to hire an engineer for the project to have on board by March-April. It is likely that when preliminary engineering is underway there will be a meeting with the residents approximately the end of May. The design process will take place during 2011, with construction in 2012.

It was agreed that the resident issues are, and will be, the width of the roadway and installation of sidewalks. Mr. Huston expressed concern about the methods to be used to give the residents notice of meetings and status of the project. There was consensus that although the standard two weeks' notice was not enough, but that several months is too long. Several ideas to enhance resident communication were put forth, including sending a series of letters as the process proceeds, encouraging residents to come to the Commission's meetings to receive updates and assuring that the residents know the criteria being used for the street design along with having maps and drawings available. P.E. Minix confirmed that the project mailing list will include the affected churches and schools as well as the Park District.

Mr. Huston concluded his remarks by noting that his neighbors are opposed to the street being wider than it is now, and that his neighbors on the south side of the street and east of Park are opposed to sidewalks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved to approve the December 14, 2010 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Thelen. The Motion carried unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Liaison Phil Hartweg said that there was another meeting with College of DuPage in December. It conducted on a more positive note than previous meetings, but nothing substantial was accomplished. Another meeting is being scheduled.

Terry Burghard is the interim Village Manager. He comes with 30 years' experience. He will stay with the Village as long as he is needed. The trustees approved a contract with a search firm to look for a permanent Village Manager, and that firm may also assist with the Public Works and Finance Director positions as well. These latter positions will be held open until after the new Manager is on board. Larry Noller was named interim Finance Director and Jeff Perrigo was named interim Public Works Director.

The Board of Trustees has worked with Lombard to clean up the Village's eastern border, which is now primarily at I-355. There was discussion concerning the relationship with Lombard with regard to the Glenbard Wastewater Authority, and potential efforts to change the operating agency to Lombard instead of Glen Ellyn.

The Board of Trustees anticipates discussing changes to the house sprinkler ordinance at upcoming meetings

CONTINUING BUSINESS:

No continuing business was identified.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Review of Proposed Ethics Policy and Ordinance

The proposed ordinance and resolution have been put forth by Village staff for comment by employees, volunteers and residents. These documents have generated several comments, particularly from Commissioners of this Commission. There was extended discussion by the Commissioners, who expressed concern about the lack of differentiation between civil servant employees and volunteers. Commissioner Brugh noted that the State and some other municipalities, such as Geneva, do not differentiate between employees and elected and volunteer officials. The role and financial cost of the Ethics Officer were also discussed. The idea of a three tier structure was put forth: Tier 1 being Village employees, Tier 2 being elected officials, and Tier 3 being volunteers. One of the roles of the Commission is to solicit resident opinions, and concern was

expressed whether or not Commissioners will be prohibited from talking to residents and neighbors under any circumstance other than a public meeting. The overall concern was that as written these documents will inhibit volunteerism.

Trustee Hartweg said that the Board tabled the ordinance for a month in order to receive all input from staff and volunteer commissions. The Trustees feel this should be in place before the next election. The resolution will act as an explanation for the ordinance.

Chairman Piszczek will craft a response encompassing the Commissioners concerns, and circulate for Commissioners' comments before forwarding to the Board.

2. Capital Project Budget Overview

Both the Riford and Bryant projects came in under budget. The 2012 Capital Project Budget is being developed at this time. There do not appear to be major problems or issues with the Capital Projects fund. P.E. Minix will provide a spread sheet at the next meeting.

3. Residency Requirement

P.E. Minix asked that the Commission consider the question of should membership on this Commission be only residents of Glen Ellyn. After some discussion, the consensus expressed a preference for a Commissioner who is a current resident or business owner in the Village. It was also agreed that a Commissioner should serve the shorter of a finished term, or end of calendar year, in the event of relocation outside of the Village.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Most activities now center on snow and ice removal. Salt supplies are in good order. Thanks to the efforts of a DePauw intern, the Village will be submitting applications for two grants. One will be for federal dollars to assist in flood remediation in low and moderate income areas, for which the Braeside area is being targeted. The other is for help with bike transit planning.

ADJOURNMENT:

Chairman Piszczek moved to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Brugh seconded the motion, which was carried unanimously. The January 11, 2011 meeting was adjourned at 9:53 PM.

Submitted by Karen Blake, Recording Secretary
Reviewed by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works