

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: October 14, 2014

MEETING: Regular X Special CALLED TO ORDER: 7:08 PM

QUORUM: Yes X No _ ADJOURNED: 8:46 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Biggam, Lane, Lindquist Pryde, Ryne and Thelen

OTHERS: Trustee Clark, Public Works Director Hansen, Professional Engineer Minix

ABSENT: Commissioner Burton

AUDIENCE: None

CALL TO ORDER:

The October 14, 2014 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:08 PM by Chairman Colliander. A quorum was present.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

None

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lane moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded, to approve the September 9, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS – REVIEW OF PROPOSED CY-2015 PUBLIC WORKS AND CAPITAL PROJECT-RELATED BUDGETS:

Chairman Colliander asked about Board of Trustees discussions on the scope, costs and funding of the Capital Budget. P.E. Minix said that the Board is still considering it, and it will be reviewed again at its budget meeting in November. He also noted that progress is being made on the potential police station site, with bids being accepted for razing the homes at the entrance to Panfish Park. There are some flood plain considerations as part of the parking lot is in a flood plain.

P.E. Minix walked the Commissioners through the budget items presented in their packets. He noted that Dave Buckley from Public Works is working with him on the budget, noting that the motor fuel tax revenues are mainly used for day-to-day maintenance and salt purchases.

Highlights cited included: The Administration / Engineering Division narrative sets out the responsibilities of the Division, goals and performance statistics. It serves as a history for the

year and is included in the budget. Efforts will be moving ahead to add a new engineer for 2015 in response to the Board's desire to get greater value for engineering dollars. The plan is to have someone hired by early 2015, and a job description will be posted and advertised soon. There are several possible ways to set up the engineering staff in the next two years, depending on staff's specific skills and experience.

P.E. Minix reviewed various budget documents. There is more data and is more complicated than usual because of the conversion to calendar year reporting. Additionally, capital expenditures tend to be on more of a "construction" year than a calendar or fiscal year.

Regarding capital projects, P.E. Minix said that Lake Ellyn Outlet Control Structure project is the largest of the non-roadway projects. The outlet control structure, costing about \$450,000, will be installed in 2015. Improvements scheduled for 2016 in the Elm-Kenilworth-Geneva area will help control the overland water flow issue in that area. Grants from several governmental entities will help fund sidewalk and crosswalk improvements at Lambert & Roosevelt, Nicoll & Roosevelt and Pershing & Route 53.

For the Crescent reconstruction project, scheduled for 2015, the median configuration, costing approximately \$300,000, has been changed due to IDOT requirements. It will be just a wall with a fence, and no planters. There will be some plantings on the school side, requiring an irrigation system and underdrains. It is a challenging engineering project.

The Hill Avenue Bridge will be going to detailed design in 2015, with construction anticipated in 2016. The proposed Taylor Street underpass and pedestrian corridor seem to have general support from the Board. P.E. Minix is pursuing funding assistance with the County, and feels that of the \$2.4 million in the project, approximately 75% can be paid with grant funds. Other railroad underpass/overpass proposals create daunting engineering issues aside from the cost. For example, an underpass at Glenwood would require tall retaining walls, the scope of which is not easily shown on paper. A bridge concept is also being explored. Staff and Board members continue to seek a solution for an overpass or underpass in the Central Business District.

Streetscape improvements for the downtown area have been scaled back to \$1.5 million. Only engineering costs are actually in the budget, with engineering to be done in 2015. Underground utilities will be evaluated before any construction commences in 2016. There are still ongoing Board discussions on how to finance new initiatives, including the new police station and downtown streetscape.

The entire Glen Ellyn portion of the Roosevelt Road corridor is being evaluated for water main replacement and upgrade. Some areas have dual mains, some are in the roadway and some are not, requiring some lining, some abandonment and moving lines into other parallel corridors. The first priority will be on Route 53 around the Tollway and under the river. Damage to the pipes has been caused by corrosion, and the leaks end up in the river / ponds.

The street lights along Roosevelt have turned into a warranty problem. Temporary fixes consist of placing a lanyard to hold the light fixture to the arm. At the same time, the lights may be switched to LEDs. The light fixture permanent solution will have to be approved by IDOT.

TRUSTEE REPORT:

Trustee Clark reviewed recent Board's decisions to allow the Opus project at the Giesche / Main Street Parking Lot / St. Petronille's site to move forward, but to deny the other plan at the McChesney site. It came down to dollars and cents. Although the McChesney plan was attractive, the developer's request for Village funds was too much. The Opus project will proceed to Plan Commission and ARC review. Additional parking to solve some of the problems on the south side of the railroad tracks will be provided. There may be building height and bulk issues, and the project must be staged to ease the impact on parking during construction. The approval process will provide residents and businesses several opportunities for comment.

PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:

Director Hansen reported that options are being pursued for salt storage, including a fabric cover coming off the building. Staff will value engineer the original proposal. The Village is approaching winter with a salt shortage if the winter is severe. The Village used 3,200 tons last winter, and has available 2,500 tons this winter. The average use is 2,000 tons.

PROJECT REPORT:

P.E. Minix reviewed the status of the CELL project. Elm and Chidester are complete. The pavers look nice. Some residents have asked why additional sidewalk is not being installed. The surface course should be laid on Lenox in early November. Installation of pavers will be ongoing and decorative treatment of pavement at Linden and Lenox will be done at the end of the project, which is expected to be mid-November.

Problems have arisen with the contractor for the sidewalk in Lake Ellyn Park, and it had to be partially redesigned. The project may be turned over to the Park District as part of their larger 2015 project. Commissioners expressed concern that the sidewalk may not be constructed at all. However, P.E. Minix assured that the Park District strongly desires it, so it will not be forgotten. Commissioners discussed various possible solutions to having strong enough edge restraints so that the sidewalk can hold up to winter plowing.

OTHER BUSINESS:

None

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Pryde moved, and Commissioner Lindquist seconded adjourning the meeting. With no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

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