

MINUTES

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements DATE: December 9, 2014

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

QUORUM: Yes X No _ _ _ ADJOURNED: 8:53 PM

MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

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

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

ABSENT: Commissioners Burton and Pryde

AUDIENCE: Residents at 206 Hill, Jim and Cam Page

CALL TO ORDER:

The December 9, 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.

It was announced that Commissioner Thelen has resigned from the Commission as he is moving to Michigan. Commissioners noted that he was on the Commission for many years, and his knowledge will be missed.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Residents Jim and Cam Page of 206 Hill expressed desire to know about projects before they come before the Board of Trustees. They are particularly interested in the Crescent round-about and the salt storage facility. Later in the meeting, they asked if the July 4th parade would be staged in front of the high school due to the Crescent construction. P.E. Minix said there will need to be adjustments made, and that the July 4 committee will be working with staff.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Lindquist moved, and Commissioner Lane seconded to approve the October 14, 2014 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT:

Trustee Clark noted that the Commission is now short two members. He has discussed this matter with the Village President. If the President receives applications for membership, he will forward on to the Commissioners. Commissioners discussed the possibility of a student Commissioner or residents that previously served on other boards or commissions.

The 2015 budget was adopted December 8. It was noted that there will be a temporary reduction in the police force for a six month period before an open position is filled. A request from the Jehovah's Witnesses to install a literature rack for 2 days per month was not approved by the Board. Approximately 150 homes have been annexed near Bemis Road in proximity to the Glenbard wastewater facility. In response to questions, Trustee Clark stated that the Village budget did not increase for 2015.

UPDATE OF 2014 PROJECTS AND ISSUES:

CRESCENT BOULEVARD RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT

P.E. Minix reviewed the project and some recent changes to the plans. He noted on the plans the property that will need to be acquired temporarily or permanently from District 87. Crescent will be moved to the north to better align the streets at the Park and Crescent intersection. Also, the lanes will be wider to better accommodate bikes, although there will not be a dedicated bicycle lane. There will be a drop off area on Crescent by Biester Gym. Ellyn Avenue will be southbound only during the school day. The driveway going up to the school will be modified to that a sidewalk can be installed.

The Crescent median in front of the high school will be about six feet wide and planted with perennials. It will not be a planter because of IDOT restrictions, but will contain a single 24 inch tall wall of stamped and stained concrete to look like brick on the south side of the median with a fence on top. There will be a raised pedestrian crossing in the location of the current mid-block crossing. There will be an intergovernmental agreement with the school district for the transfer and use of land. Staff has determined that the school district contribution to the plan should be approximately \$75,000 for the proposed median irrigation system. The plan was well received by the school district subcommittee and board on December 8.

The roundabout on the eastern end will allow U-turns and should simplify traffic movements through the intersection. It will slow vehicles approaching the school. There will be plantings in the middle with power and irrigation provided.

The school district will donate the needed land parcels for the project. Approximately 70% of the construction will be funded by a federal Surface Transportation Program grant. The total cost of the project is projected to be \$2.5 million, of that approximately \$250,000 will be for aspects of the project not covered by the STP grant. Snow removal responsibilities will be worked out with the school district and embodied in the intergovernmental agreement.

Final plans will be submitted to IDOT in mid-December, with bids let in March 2015. The intergovernmental agreement with the school district should be completed in January. The hope is to undertake the construction in summer 2015, with some aspects started earlier. There will be some stormwater work designed to store more water before it flows into Lake Ellyn. During construction, there will be some detours and one-way traffic situations.

ENGINEERING SERVICES

P.E. Minix summarized discussions held with this Commission and the Board of Trustees. The Board was presented with a proposed program to (1) expand the Public Works engineering division; and (2) change the selection process for engineering consultants. The working memorandum suggested that there will be projects in the next couple of years that could be handled by a public works staff engineer with appropriate experience and skills.

It is the understanding that the Board wants staff to be more aggressive in controlling consulting fees. This could involve expanding the pool of possible consultants in order to not exclude new firms as well as more pointed negotiations with qualified firms on prices. Commissioners discussed the value of a strict qualifications process to assess consultants ahead of a specific project, which would eliminate the problem of reviewing 10-15 proposals for services for every project. Using the same engineering firm for every project is not the best practice as well. There is a balance that can be reached.

ROOSEVELT ROAD STREET LIGHTS

Director Hansen presented information on the plan to retrofit and convert to LED the 130 street lights on Roosevelt Road in the Village. Some of the current fixtures, installed in 2002, are failing due to metal fatigue in the connection between the arm and upper luminaire and two units actually fell off in 2014. A temporary fix was performed as a more permanent solution is sought. It will take approximately \$1,300 per fixture to upgrade the connection and change to LED. As an alternative, each fixture could be modified with a new compression fitting costing approximately \$300 and not change over to LED. The Village Attorney may become involved in negotiations with the manufacturer regarding product liabilities to see if the cost to the Village to fix the problem can be minimized. Commissioners discussed the intervals for changing bulbs. The existing bulbs are changed every 4-5 years; LED bulbs should have a 20-year life. The cost of the LEDs would be recouped over approximately 40 years through electricity savings.

SALT STORAGE FACILITY

Director Hansen discussed the current situation and possible solutions to the salt storage matter. Initial bids to create a larger facility on the north side of the Reno Center were rejected in July 2014 as too expensive. The Village generally uses approximately 2,000 tons of salt in a typical season, but can store only 800 tons, which makes the Village vulnerable to delivery problems and shortages that may come about as the winter season progresses. Three new alternatives have been identified: (1) a steel building for which a revised bid has raised staff concerns; (2) a fabric building which would require additional setback variances, and be far less expensive but without the life span of a steel building; and (3) value engineer the original design. A salt dome would not fit on the current site and other possible locations in proximity to the Reno Center are being investigated. Commissioners expressed concern that the final structure be large enough to meet future as well as current needs.

PROJECT REPORT:

P.E. Minix reviewed the CELL project. The sidewalk on the east side of Lenox Road adjacent to Lake Ellyn Park will be installed by the Park District in 2015. The brick treatment looks fine. There are some change orders remaining to be finalized, but it looks like the project may come in slightly under the original bid price.

The land bridge rehabilitation on Nicoll Way is complete. It was noted that the Village is assuming additional bridges with the newly annexed area. In addition to the Crescent reconstruction project near Glenbard West, the Elm-Geneva Connectors-Cottage and Glenwood -Arbor-Ridgewood improvements will take place in 2015.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Chairman Colliander asked about the final Capital Improvements budget for the upcoming CY 2015 budget year to begin on January 1, 2015. P.E. Minix said that the changes in scope on rural road-type streets will result in cost reductions of approximately \$1 to \$1.5 million annually and will begin in 2016. Trustee Clark mentioned that the proposed new police station will affect those numbers in the future. There was discussion concerning perceived lack of citizen awareness of what is being done to the capital improvements fund monies unless residents live on an affected street. Residents are aware of the potential new police station. Long range plans developed by or available to the Board were discussed. There is a 20 year road forecast, but is there something similar for the Village as a whole? P.E. Minix will circulate the five year capital plan covering all Village departments, which is updated every year. The impact on this plan with the inclusion of the proposed police station is not known at this time. Although some trustees do not want to borrow funds to construct a new police station, it is not clear how this is possible.

P.E. Minix made note of a recent *60 Minutes* story on failing infrastructure around the country. He feels good about the Village's infrastructure in part because of the work of this Commission and the Village Board, and noted continuing commitment to invest and reinvest in infrastructure around the Village.

ADJOURNMENT:

Commissioner Lane moved, and Commissioner Ryne seconded adjourning the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

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