

# MINUTES

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BOARD OR COMMISSION: Capital Improvements                      DATE: December 13, 2016  
MEETING: Regular   X   Special \_\_\_\_\_                      CALLED TO ORDER: 7:02 PM  
QUORUM: Yes   X   No \_\_\_\_\_                      ADJOURNED: 9:05 PM

## MEMBER ATTENDANCE:

PRESENT: Commissioners Biggam, Kumar, Burton, Lane, Ryne, Zucchero

OTHERS: Professional Engineer Minix, Senior Civil Engineer Daubert, Director Hansen

ABSENT: Chairman Colliander, Commissioners Lindquist, Pryde

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## **CALL TO ORDER:**

The December 13, 2016 meeting of the Capital Improvements Commission, held at the Glen Ellyn Civic Center, was called to order at 7:02 PM. A quorum was present.

## **SELECTION OF CHAIRMAN PRO TEM:**

In the absence of Chairman Colliander, the committee voted to select Commissioner Mike Lane as Chairman Pro Tem for tonight's meeting.

## **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:**

None

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Commissioner Burton moved, and Commissioner Biggam seconded, to approve the November 8, 2016 meeting minutes. The motion was approved unanimously.

## **TRUSTEE REPORT:**

None present. PE Minix stated that in light of the election results, newly appointed trustee Diane McGinley will be taking Trustee Elliott's place for the next 5 months, but could not attend the meeting because of a prior commitment.

Director Hansen gave a summary of Public Works items from the most recent board meeting. Senior CE Daubert also noted the recent Board action to increase water and sewer rates by 1%. Staff had recommended at 1.5% increase. The water and sewer rate discussion included future capital project programming including water meter reading and equipment.

Chairman pro-tem Lane provided the results from the recent Civic Betterment Party caucus. Current CIC commissioner Craig Pryde was one of three Village Board Trustee nominees to be slated for the April 2017 election by the Civic Betterment Party.

**CONTINUING BUSINESS: PRIVATE PROPERTY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENTS - REVIEW OF SELECTED PROBLEM SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE SITES IDENTIFIED BY PUBLIC WORKS**

PE Minix stated that staff has been looking at providing assistance to homeowners to solve private property stormwater issues throughout most of 2016. As a pilot program, they have helped a couple residents this year, using procedures copied from other current cost share programs for sanitary sewers. Public Works needs to seek approval from the Village Board to formalize the program if it is to continue. Staff has prepared some case studies to present tonight for the committee.

860 Abbey - Staff showed a photo from early 2016 showing ice damming in the street. Due to topographical conditions, water flows onto the street and freezes in winter.

606 Pleasant – Water from an active sump pump reaches the roadway. Staff showed a photo of ice covering half the width of the roadway. The discharge could be connected to the storm sewer on Hawthorne that is one lot away.

156, 164, 170 Bryant Ave – Staff has been in contact with the homeowners at this location. A photo showed sump pump discharge in the right-of-way. One neighbor responded to Director Hansen and was not interested in paying his portion. Another neighbor responded and was very interested and thanked the Village for the offer.

Discussion followed about what the ordinance requires in regards to stormwater discharge and location of discharge pipes. The ordinance is clear that water should not reach public ROW.

Director Hansen explained that the solution to the situation on Bryant Avenue is to install a 6” pipe with T connections at each residence, run the pipe parallel to street, 2 feet below surface, behind the curb. The existing sump pump discharges were not permitted by the Village since they were tunneled under the sidewalk.

PE Minix explained that staff helps residents determine the most practical solution to their stormwater issues. Due to topography, sometimes connecting to the storm sewer is the only solution. Senior CE Daubert related that Northbrook’s code reads that stormwater discharge cannot adversely affect your neighbor, as determined by the Village Engineer. This is something the Village could consider.

More locations were discussed:

Turner Ave (involving 337 Merton) – There was a slip and fall incident at this location. Staff sent a letter to the homeowner this year, who re-positioned the discharge pipe into backyard in an

attempt to solve the problem. When the Village inspected it later, the water was still making it to the ROW. Staff offered to assist him through the incentive program, and the he has agreed to participate and connect to the storm sewer.

402 and 405 Fairview Ave (at Brandon) – A photo showed ice on Brandon due to sump pump discharge coming around the corner from Fairview. The ice on the sidewalk, curb, and roadway appears to be 1 foot thick in places.

62 Parkside Avenue – A photo showed icing on the sidewalk.

148, 150, 160 Main St – A photo showed icing on the sidewalk near 3 homes, their sump pump lines could be connected to the storm sewer.

Other locations discussed briefly were: 301 Prince Edward Rd, 853 Western, 344 Ridgewood, 287 Oak, 780 Kenilworth, and 421 Ridgewood. These locations were successfully addressed by the property owner or through improvements provided by the Village as part of a large infrastructure improvement project.

Currently Staff is considering a cap of \$5,000 for work done in ROW for any individual location. \$50,000 is budgeted for the program in 2017.

Director Hansen stated that the next step is having the CIC make a recommendation to the Village Board. Discussion followed about what kind of authority/teeth the Village has for residents that are not willing to participate in the program due to either lack of interest or financial burden (but are creating a public nuisance). Some examples discussed were fines and/or liens on the property or possibly setting up a repayment schedule with the Village. Program criteria would require that stormwater is a real issue on the property, not allowing people to take advantage of the program who don't really have a problem. Committee members discussed the need to educate residents about sump pump discharge code requirements. Staff wants to present private property drainage assistance information to the board and see if they want to formalize the program or continue pilot program.

At the January CIC meeting, Public Works staff will bring a program proposal to present to the CIC so the commissioners can make a recommendation. Winter is a good time to discuss this subject since the problem areas are visible.

**OTHER BUSINESS:**

None.

**PUBLIC WORKS REPORT:**

Director Hansen stated that they have used 500 tons of salt so far this winter. Public Works is gearing up for what looks like a rough winter, very cold and snowy. Salt use was restricted

during the last storm for conservation purposes; they did not salt continuously while plowing. They do salt roads in advance of increased traffic anticipated during rush hours.

Director Hansen also reported that a drainage swale has just be graded on the Village property at 729 Riford Road to direct Lake Ellyn overflows to Perry's Pond.

**PROJECT UPDATE – PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS:**

PE Minix stated that the Hill Avenue is bridge is scheduled to open tomorrow at 3pm.

Senior CE Daubert stated that the Oak/Geneva/Elm project was under construction right up until the weather turned cold. Most of sod got put down before it started snowing. The project is substantially complete and in full use. The Village received seven proposals for rehab/reconstruction for the Metra station and pedestrian overpass. Various Requests for Proposals are nearly ready to go out for next year's roadway and utility projects.

PE Minix stated that Senior CE Daubert will be taking over for him as he retires and goes part time in February of 2017. He expressed his appreciation for the CIC supporting Staff's efforts over the years. He has enjoyed working with them.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Commissioner Zucchero moved, and Commissioner Burton seconded, adjourning the meeting. With unanimous consent, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 PM.

Submitted by C. Johnson, Recording Secretary  
Reviewed by R. Minix, Village of Glen Ellyn Public Works