

# Village of Brooklyn

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES July 28, 2009

Meeting called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mark Bruner, Todd Klahn, and Helen McCord. Also present were Public Works Director Bob Anderson, Village Engineer Josh Straka, and Village President Nadine Walsten.

Motion: McCord/Bruner to approve minutes of June 23, 2009. Motion carried, with Todd abstaining.

Motion: Klahn/Bruner to approve minutes of July 9, 2009. Motion carried, with Helen abstaining.

The mission statement for the committee/department was discussed. The statement will read as follows: "The mission of the Public Works Committee and Public Works Department is to ensure that all infrastructure is maintained in a cost effective manner to serve the residents and businesses of the Village of Brooklyn".

Motion: Klahn/McCord to postpone discussion of goals until August meeting when we discuss the 2010 budget. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning refuse rates. The State has increased tipping fees by \$4.10/ton, effective July 1<sup>st</sup>, and is increasing them another \$3.00/ton, effective October 1<sup>st</sup>. The breakdown per household is as follows:

Effective 7/1/2009, rates increase by \$.28 per month.

Effective 10/1/2009, rates increase by .20 per month.

Discussion was held concerning the "No Parking" signs on Division St. between 2<sup>nd</sup> St. and 4<sup>th</sup> St. The area near 2<sup>nd</sup> St. has no parking between 7:00 a.m. and 10:00 p.m. The area in front of the school has no parking between 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. The reason for the difference in restriction times is due to the width of the street. When there are vehicles parked on both sides of the street at the east end of the street, Fire Department vehicles are unable to get through. The restriction in front of the school (4:00 p.m.) is designed to eliminate blind spots for bus drivers. The road at this point is wide enough to provide clearance for fire apparatus, so no further restriction is necessary. No changes to the signage is necessary at this time.

An open house at the new WWTP will be held on Sunday, Sept. 27, 2009, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. All are welcome, and snacks/soft drinks will be provided by the Village.

A hearing with the DNR was held on July 22, 2009, concerning water testing violations in the Village. Bob and Village Clerk Carol Strause represented the Village at this hearing. Bob presented his plan to ensure that no further testing will be missed. The DNR stated that at no time were the residents of the Village at risk in any way. No fines or penalties were imposed.

The generator from the old WWTP control building will be relocated to well #1 to ensure an uninterrupted supply of water for the Village, at a cost of \$8-10,000.

Josh gave an update on the WWTP. Change orders made during the construction process have reduced the cost of the plant by approximately \$30,000. This will pay for the fence and sidewalk mandated by the DNR, which was not included in the bid. Stairs are needed at the back of the RAS/WAS building, and were not included. Various options were considered, including poured concrete, precast concrete, and metal. Bob will look into pricing for each of the options and report back. Engineering costs will come in at the budget amount. Josh pointed out that the standard cost overrun on a project this size is 5%, and that due to careful oversight on the part of Bob and Strand, we will be at or slightly below budget.

The Recreation Committee contacted the Clerk's office, asking about the feasibility of installing hooks on the Village entry signs to hang banners for events within the Village. After discussion, it was decided that banners on our new signs would detract from the signs. Alternate locations at each Village entry point will be determined to enable the display of the banners.

The swings for Smithfield Park have been repaired and will be reinstalled in the park within the next 2 weeks.

Discussion of the Community Center Policy was held. Motion: Bruner/McCord to postpone any action until after the next Department Head meeting.

Discussion of the budget will be postponed until August meeting.

Motion: Klahn/McCord to adjourn at 7:20 p.m. Motion carried.