

Village of Brooklyn

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES May 4, 2009

Meeting was called to order at the Wastewater Treatment plant at 6:05 p.m. Committee members present were Mark Bruner and Helen McCord. Also present were Public Works Director Bob Anderson, Village Engineer Josh Straka, and residents Heidi Fischer and Scott Wilkinson. Nadine Walsten arrived at 6:07 and Todd Klahn arrived at 7:15.

Motion: McCord/Bruner to postpone approval of the minutes from April 6, 2009 until next meeting. Motion carried.

Bob gave an update on the repairs to well #2. The parts are in and will be installed around the 15th.

Discussion was held concerning equipment rental rates for 2009-2010. These are the rates we use to rent our equipment to other municipalities or rent equipment from them in the event of a disaster. FEMA requires that we either adopt their fee schedule or the schedule from the DOT. Motion: McCord/Bruner to recommend to Village Board approval of the DOT fee schedule. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning the storm water detention pond in Sunrise Estates. Bob and Josh calculated that the pump would have to run for 8-10 days to lower the water level 4 feet. This would drain approximately 15 million gallons of water from the pond. The optimal plan is to run the hose down the sidewalk along N. Rutland Ave. To the corner of Hwy. 92, then across N. Rutland to the gazebo. From there it would enter the storm water drain, cross Dick Riese's land, and eventually empty into Allen Creek. A pump would cost \$18,000 to rent, including set up and hose rental, from Lincoln Contractor Supply. Purchase price of a pump would be \$30,000. LCS will rent the hose for free, and set it up for \$4500. We could the set up ourselves to save the set up fee. The Village would then have the pump in the event that this pond were to require drainage in the future, as well as replacing the pump currently being used to drain the Lincoln Street pond. That pump is aging, and requires frequent repair. Bob will continue to secure the necessary approvals for this procedure. He will also look into the use of inmates from Oakhill to help with the set up of the drain hose.

Motion: Bruner/McCord to recommend to Village Board approval of purchase of the pump at a price not to exceed \$30,000 and pump the water from the Douglas St. pond, pending availability of funds and necessary approvals. Motion carried.

Discussion was held concerning Spring cleanup. 6 trash dumpsters were filled, as well as 2 metal dumpsters. All dumpsters have been removed. Appliances and TV's will be removed by Tuesday, 5/5. Committee will address rules for the dumpsters in the fall, due to the belief that many non-residents were using them as well.

Discussion was held concerning rental fees for the shelters in the parks. Cottage Groves has a \$50 charge for residents, Monticello \$25. Motion: Bruner/McCord to refer this matter to Finance Committee.

Village resident Richard Stowell has contacted President Walsten about a community garden project on the lot owned by Bank of Brooklyn at the corner of Douglas Dr. and N. Rutland Ave. The bank will donate the use of the land, and Mr. Stowell was looking for a source of water from the Village. Todd brought up the fact that with the increasing price of water and sewer in the Village, it wouldn't sit well to have this group supplied with water at the expense of all of the taxpayers of the Village. An option that was considered is to install a meter with a locking gate valve on the hydrant on the SE corner of the intersection, to which the group could connect a hose that they would supply. The group would be responsible for paying for the water with no sewer charge. Motion: Klahn/McCord to postpone discussion of this until we have demonstration by the group that the project will actually be done. Motion carried.

Discussion about street improvement projects was postponed until next month.

Discussion about possible mill and overlay of Hotel St. from N. Kerch to Smithfield park was postponed until next month.

Discussion of the \$3000 additional charge by LW Allen to integrate the SCADA software was held. Bob had a lengthy conversation with them, the result of which is that they will eliminate the charge to the Village.

Bob is going to apply for a grant through Green County to convert the Public Works radios to a digital system to be compatible with the systems that will be installed in Dane and Green Counties. The grant is a 75/25 split.

We have received an e-mail from John DeWitt. The Village is holding \$20,000 in escrow for the stormwater detention pond in Brooklyn Commons. Mr. DeWitt has requested that we release the letter of credit. Motion: McCord/Klahn to recommend to Village Board to maintain the letter of credit until the development is complete. Motion carried.

Motion: McCord/Klahn to adjourn at 7:45 p.m. Motion carried.