

Village of Brooklyn

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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES January 26, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Present were Mark Bruner, Helen McCord, and Todd Klahn. Also present were Public Works Director Bob Anderson, Engineer Josh Straka, residents Rich and Eileen Norton, and Tom Purdy from Fehr-Graham. Village President Nadine Walsten arrived at 6:05.

Motion: Klahn/McCord to approve minutes from Nov. 24, 2009. Motion carried.

Motion: Klahn/McCord to approve minutes from Dec. 22, 2009. Motion carried.

Tom Purdy gave a presentation. He outlined different sources of grant money that can be obtained by municipalities for projects of various scope and size. In order to take advantage of these grants, the projects must have a plan and be ready to start when the funding becomes available. Tom will be willing to work with Josh to coordinate projects and funding.

Motion: Klahn/McCord to recommend to Village Board that we accept the DOT equipment rates for 2010. Motion carried.

A letter was read from resident Patty Paulson. Person or persons unknown turned on the outside hose bibb on her house, causing her backyard to flood and resulting in an exorbitant water bill. There is no ordinance that covers this situation. Motion: Klahn/McCord to recommend to the Village Board that the Clerk's office review the 12 month history of the account and generate a new bill, which would charge the resident for water and sewer equal to the highest usage of the last 12 months, and water only for the amount above that total. Motion carried.

Motion: Klahn/McCord to refer this to Ordinance Committee to draft an ordinance to cover this type of situation. Motion carried.

Bob presented an inventory of ash trees that are on Village owned property. It was agreed that the plan previously agreed upon by the Committee would be placed on the agenda of the next Board meeting for an up or down vote.

Discussion was held concerning freezing of water mains on North, 1st, and 2nd Streets. A new main was installed in the 1960's. Several years later, the street was lowered by 2'. Laterals branch off of the main at 90 degrees, rather than the more effective 45 degrees. There are no continuity straps to bridge the rubber couplings. This prevents a current being applied to thaw the frozen main. A steam line may have been left inside the lateral at 303 N. 2nd St., causing a reduction in water pressure. Public Works will remove the meter and test the pressure to ensure that it is sufficient. Josh will draft specifications and calculate a per home cost to replace

laterals. He will also present options at a later date for correcting this situation. Rich and Eileen Norton left at 6:20 p.m.

Josh outlined the options for the storm sewer which would be installed under Hotel St. and through Smithfield Park. He discussed pricing for the different phases of the project. Strand will present a proposal for the Feb. Village Board meeting. If this is approved, Josh will present a preliminary plan to the PW Committee meeting on March 4. Upon approval of this plan by the Committee, it will be presented to the VB on March 8.

Josh and Bob discussed the Safe Routes to School grant program. Deadline for application for this grant has been changed to July. Bob will talk to Mark Below, PWD of Oregon, to find out what they did to obtain funding. Chances of obtaining money would improve with involvement of the school.

Discussion of sludge handling from the WWTP has been postponed until March 4.

Bob has not heard back from Alliant Energy with information about Time of Day pumping for the wells.

Bob will include purchase of tire chains for the loader in the 2011 budget.

More information from the wells needs to be added to the SCADA system. Cost of this addition will be approximately \$2300. This is not critical, so the Committee will wait until later in the year or 2011 to have this done.

Bob gave an update on Focus on Energy and rebates. The staff will be changing the light fixtures in the garage and shop from T-12 to T-8. Rebates will cover 50% of the cost, and energy savings will cover the remainder. Once this is completed, PW will look at the light fixtures in the Community Building for conversion.

Discussion on replacing the furnace(s) at the Community Building will be postponed until more information is available about rebates and energy savings.

Motion: McCord/Klahn to allow Leif Spilde to attend the WWOA conference in Green Bay Oct. 19-22, 2010, at a cost of \$150 + expenses. Motion carried.

The action plan for the Public Works Department was referred to the ad hoc Personnel Committee.

Motion: Bruner/Klahn to adjourn at 7:50. Motion carried.