

# Village of Brooklyn

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 4, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Mark Bruner, Helen McCord, and Todd Klahn. Also present was Public Works Director Bob Anderson.

Motion: McCord/Klahn to approve the minutes from January 26, 2010. Motion carried.

Bob reported that there is nothing new on the Hotel St./Kerch St. project due to the delay in the contract signing. Josh should have a plan for the Committee to review for the meeting of March 29.

A public information meeting will be held prior to the PW Committee meeting on March 29 to discuss the Emerald Ash Borer. The meeting will be moved to the Community Building. Bob and Mark will attend a conference on March 25 on the EAB, at a cost of \$20 each.

Discussion was held about applying for the designation of Tree City, USA for the Village. In order to qualify, the Village must spend at least \$2 per capita on tree related expenses. With our current population of 1276, this means the minimum to spend would be \$2552. Our current budget for tree service is \$3000. Membership has many benefits, including access to grant money for planting. We would need to create a Tree Board, which could be the Public Works Committee.

The estimate to repair the laterals on the houses on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1<sup>st</sup>, and North Streets is \$1500-1600/house, with a total of up to 10 houses being affected. Bob will look into alternate options which can reduce costs.

All of the lights in the shop have been converted to T-8 ballasts and lamps. Bob will follow through on the rebates for this changeover. He will also order the new ballasts and lamps to begin the conversion in the Community Building.

The snow storm in December resulted in many downed branches, etc., in the parks, cemetery, and streets. Motion: Klahn/McCord to hire inmates from Oak Hill to clean up the debris on Village property. Motion carried.

Strand brought forth a recommendation to connect the wells to the SCADA system which operates the sewer plant and water tower. Motion: Klahn/McCord to do so, at a cost not to exceed \$2385. Funds to be used from the water meter account. Motion carried.

Bob and Curt will attend a workshop on I & I Mitigation covering laterals and manholes on 3/10/10. There is no cost to the Village for this. Motion: Klahn/McCord to allow them to go. Motion carried.

Bob received a call from Oregon girls softball. They would like to play in our diamond this summer, but had some concerns about the field. They would like to install a fence between the field and the dugouts, fill in the holes in the ground, and roll the field. This would be done at no cost to the Village. Motion: McCord/Klahn to allow them to repair the field. Motion carried.

Motion: McCord/Klahn to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Motion carried.