

# Village Of Brooklyn

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## Public Works Committee Minutes July 24<sup>th</sup> 2012

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm. Committee members in attendance were Todd Klahn, Dean Van Den Eng and Steve Lust. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Mark Langer and Village President Nadine Walsten.

**Motion:** Van Den Eng/Lust to approve minutes of 06/26/2012. Motion carried unanimously with Klahn abstaining.

Director Langer presented RFQs for various sidewalk and curbing mostly pertaining to ramps needed at the intersection of First St. and Bowman St. There are currently no ramps at either of the four corners which impedes pedestrian traffic to and from Legion Park. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Klahn to recommend to the Board to accept the bid from Hansen Concrete. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langer presented information regarding a possible grant through Focus on Energy that is available for renewable energy resources. The application is due August 29. The Village could make application for a solar panel array at the WWTP currently valued at \$75,000. The cost to the Village to write and apply for the grant would be \$2,000, with another \$10,000 in engineering fees to create the design if the grant was awarded. The panel life is 20-25 years and would require minimal regular maintenance. The approximate payback is \$300 to \$600 per year. Langer stressed that there are no guarantees that the grant would be awarded and that there was no need to have it engineered before making the application. **Motion:** Klahn/Van Den Eng to recommend to the Board to apply for the grant at a cost of \$2,000. Motion carried unanimously.

President Walsten spoke of the need to prepare for the eventual arrival of the Emerald Ash Borer since it has been confirmed in nearby Janesville. There was discussion on the need to reevaluate treatment options as there has been big advancements in pesticides that could potentially control the problem without having to cut down large numbers of ash trees. Langer pointed out that the Village will be in a better position to address the problem once the tree inventory report is completed because then the number of trees that are at risk would be quantified. Langer also relayed information that he learned while attending meetings at the recent Community Tree Management Institute including possible EAB treatments. Additional information will be gathered so that potential options can be discussed in the context of the 2013 budget deliberations.

Director Langer updated the committee on the cross connection inspections that the Board authorized. The inspections have all been completed as of July 17<sup>th</sup> with few problems found.

Director Langer updated the committee regarding the repair of the sewer line on Market Street. The sewer line repair is completed and the road will be patched by R&K at the same time that

Director Langer gave an update on the Teddy Street road work. The paving was completed; however, Tri-County Paving prematurely removed the barricades and a recycling truck from Pellitteri Waste Systems drove on the newly laid blacktop and left some marks despite the company being notified not to drive on the street. Langer is working with Tri-County to heat up and re-roll certain spots.

Langer gave the Public Works and Utilities reports. Noteworthy items include:

- Trees along the terrace have been getting watered due to the extreme heat.
- The wayfarer signs have been installed.
- Storm drains were recently cleaned.
- WWTP, wells and Public Works buildings had fire inspections with no concerns reported.
- Bee traps were installed at Smithfield and Legion parks after several complaints.
- A broken shut off box was fixed at 211 Division St.
- A valve and hydrant was installed on 2<sup>nd</sup> St.
- Lift stations were recently cleaned.
- The Village is still waiting on a DNR discharge permit.

The 2012 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets were reviewed.

The committee reviewed and discussed the entire 2013 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets as well as a list of potential Capital improvement projects that Langer provided. Further discussion will take place at the Board level and at next month's Public Works meeting. Director Langer recommended changing the description "Village Hall" to "Community Building" on several budget lines as the Village Hall is now located at the UBT building.

**Motion:** Klahn/Van Den Eng to adjourn at 9:03 pm. Motion carried unanimously.