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Public Works Committee Minutes September 26th 2012

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. Committee members in attendance were Dean Van Den Eng and Steve Lust. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Mark Langer and Village President Nadine Walsten. Todd Klahn arrived at 6:20 pm.

Motion: Lust/Van Den Eng to elect Van Den Eng temporary chair. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Lust to approve minutes of 08/28/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langer informed the committee that there was not any answer yet regarding approval of the Focus on Energy Solar PV Grant. An answer is expected in mid October.

There was no update on the Safe Routes to School grant.

At the September 10th Village Board meeting, the Board approved Director Langer to apply for a 2013 Urban Forestry Grant for a \$5,000 matching grant (\$10,000 total). Director Langer informed the committee that he has been in contact with the DNR and they require an official resolution. A resolution will be presented for Board approval in October for maintenance, removal and planting of trees, which incorporates recommendations for Emerald Ash Borer.

At 6:10 pm, Director Langer updated the committee on the status of the 2012 Forestry Grant. Final versions of the Village Tree Ordinance and Tree Inventory/Management Plan need to be discussed at the October Public Works meetings so that they can be passed along to the Ordinance committee. President Walsten spoke about the value of creating a Parks ad hoc committee and asked what the proper structure should be to oversee proper tree management. Trustee Lust spoke about the need to formally adopt language in an Ordinance regarding who is responsible for the care of trees on terraces. Discussions on this topic ended at 6:20 pm.

Director Langer explained that the Village has the opportunity to exchange its Bobcat loader through Carter & Gruenewald for a new one, which has been the practice in the past. The Public Works department would like to take advantage of this generous offer and use the opportunity to upgrade to a two speed Bobcat loader for approximately \$1,600. The two speed Bobcat loader would be advantageous plus if there is no upgrade, the likelihood of future exchanges would be in doubt due to low demand for single speed Bobcat loaders. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Klahn to recommend to the Board to approve upgrading to a two speed loader through Carter & Gruenewald at a cost not to exceed \$1,600. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Monthly water samples were taken and they tested to be safe.

- A DNR rep will be visiting in November to discuss our expired WWTP discharge permit.
- Utilities Superintendent Spilde is working on sludge age issues. The volume of waste is low versus the capacity of the WWTP, which creates challenges.
- All the flow meters at the WWTP were calibrated.
- Cleaned storm drains September 10th 2012.
- Fall dumpster days will be 10-5/6-12 10:00am - 7:00pm & 10-7-12 10:00am - 2:00pm.
- The 2013 LRIP paperwork for Holt Rd to Green County has been submitted.
- Millings were put on the driveway between Cemetery road and the Village View Salon.

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

The committee discussed the 2013 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets as well as a list of potential Capital improvement projects. Director Langer recommended removing the Holt Rd project and two speed loader upgrade from the Capital improvement projects list since action has already been taken on them. Further discussion will take place at the Board level.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Klahn to adjourn at 6:35 pm. Motion carried unanimously.