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Public Works Committee Minutes October 23rd 2012

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Committee members in attendance were Dean Van Den Eng, Todd Klahn and Steve Lust. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Mark Langer and Village President Nadine Walsten who arrived at 6:12 pm.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Lust to approve minutes of 09/26/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langer informed the committee that there was no update on the Safe Routes to School grant or the 2013 Urban Forestry Grant. The Village did receive notification that the grant application for Focus on Energy's Renewable Energy Competitive Incentive Program was denied. Director Langer also spoke about the need to complete the 2012 Urban Forestry Grant. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Klahn to advise that the Board accepts the recommendations presented at the September 10th Board meeting by Rad Hawkos, ASLA, Strand Associates, regarding the Village's Tree Inventory/Management Plan which incorporates recommendations for Emerald Ash Borer. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langer presented information on a used patrol truck, which would satisfy the needs of the department and fit into the budgeted amount that the Board previously authorized. The vehicle is a 1996 IH plow truck with all the attachments for \$16,500. It has 28,000 miles, 2,580 hours and minimal rust. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Klahn to authorize the purchase of the 1996 IH plow truck for \$16,500 with funds from the General Government Expenditures account. Motion carried unanimously. The committee then discussed the merits of selling the current plow truck at auction or keeping it as a back-up. This will be forwarded to the Board for discussion

At 6:20 pm, the committee took up review and discussion of the proposed Tree Ordinance.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Klahn to send revised Chapter 49 Urban Forest Management Ordinance to the Ordinance committee for review. Motion carried unanimously. Discussion on this topic ended at 6:50 pm.

The committee discussed the logistics of installing the ice rink at Smithfield Park. The rink is difficult to install and maintain. Director Langer suggested that a portion of the park could be flooded to provide a skating surface and that it could be easily cleared of snow. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Klahn to authorize Public Works to flood an area at Smithfield Park for the purpose of a skating rink. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Received \$15,340.40 from MSIP funds for Teddy St.
- Holt Rd MSIP approval has been received (2013).
- Fall dumpster days: 3 trash (8.71tons) and 1 metal (1.72tons) dumpsters were collected.

- Bathrooms will be winterized and closed week of 10-29-12.
- Well samples have been taken and safe.
- Water tower cathodic protection was inspected.
- Cross connection inspections for commercial properties was \$400 under quoted price (General Engineering).
- Sewer Sludge hauling has started.

The 2012 and 2013 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets were reviewed.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Klahn to adjourn at 7:08 pm. Motion carried unanimously.