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Public Works Committee Minutes November 27th 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.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Klahn to approve minutes of 10/23/2012. Motion carried unanimously.

Considering that one of the Village's Public Works employees bumped into a parked car with the Village stacker that was being pulled by the Town of Brooklyn's tractor, the committee discussed insurance liability coverage. Director Langer asked for clarification regarding whose insurance would be responsible if a Village employee was in an accident and was driving equipment from another municipality or if an employee from another municipality got into an accident driving the Village's equipment. Sharing equipment with the Town of Brooklyn is common and there have been instances of sharing with other townships. The committee requested Director Langer forward the question to the Clerk's office for more information.

Director Langer updated the committee on the sewer lateral that was repaired at 205 Church St. Back in February 2012 a private company was hired by the property owner to unplug the lateral and their equipment got stuck in the line. They apparently chose to cut the line to their equipment and leave it behind without unplugging the lateral. When the house was recently purchased, the new owners reported a backup and the company that responded needed to dig up the lateral to replace a portion of it. That company got the proper approvals and patched the hole in the street.

Director Langer updated the committee on the DNR inspection for the new discharge permit which took place on November 20th. The inspection went well and the DNR agent told him that our long awaited permit would be processed early in 2013. The agent also informed Director Langer that the new permit would involve limits on phosphorus levels. Director Langer told the committee that treating sewage for phosphorus is very costly and it is in the Village's best interest to research ways to limit the Village's financial exposure. Money has already been budgeted to have Strand and Associates take samples for phosphorus upstream and downstream from our point of discharge. Currently the phosphorus level that the DNR is using as a baseline is measured about halfway between Brooklyn and Evansville. It is quite possible that the phosphorus level is higher at that coordinate due to 3rd parties downstream from the Village. If the Village can show lower levels of phosphorus from samples taken closer to the Village boundaries, the Village would have to meet less stringent guidelines.

Director Langer also informed the committee of plans to have biosolids applied to farm fields (land application) rather than have all the biosolids transported to Madison Metro. This is estimated to save the sewer utility several thousand dollars per year. There may still be a

Director Langer asked the committee for opinions on when to start soliciting bids for the infrastructure at the new Business Complex. The committee viewed a map that showed the proposed access to the Business Complex from Hwy 92. Since Strand and Associates has been heavily involved in the planning of the Business Complex so far, Director Langer will contact them for an estimate for an infrastructure plan. Director Langer also asked the committee to consider revising the sewer ordinance to mandate that sampling manholes be installed in the sewer laterals for businesses that build in the Business Complex. The reason for this is that the Village would then easily be able to identify potential threats to the sewer system from any toxic chemicals that a business may discard in the sewer line.

The committee discussed the equipment changes that are being proposed by Sprint on the water tower. Director Langer informed the committee that Strand and Associates will review the proposed changes before any work is started and that they will also inspect the completed work to verify that the water tank integrity is maintained. Sprint has agreed to cover all costs associated with these changes. Director Langer has been in contact with Clerk Strause to involve the Finance committee regarding negotiating additional revenue from Sprint.

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

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

- Director Langer received his "activated sludge Grade T" certification effective Nov 7th
- Well samples are being monitored for Iron and Manganese
- The IH-1990 truck is at Wisconsin Surplus for auction
- The yearly fire extinguisher inspection was completed on November 15th
- Holiday decorations were put up on November 14th
- Curbside leaf pickup is complete
- The last mowing at the cemetery was done and the leaves were mulched

The 2012 Public Works, Water Utility and Sewer budgets were reviewed. Director Langer would like to ask the Board to carry over unused 2012 funds into 2013 for street maintenance, tree maintenance, brush grinding, and Green Co. matching funds.

Motion: Van Den Eng/Klahn to adjourn at 7:00 pm. Motion carried unanimously.