

Village Of Brooklyn

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Public Works Committee Minutes May 30th 2013

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 7:12 pm by Todd Klahn. Committee members in attendance were Todd Klahn, Dean Van Den Eng and Steve Lust. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Mark Langer and Josh Straka of Stand Associates Inc.

Motion: Klahn/Van Den Eng to approve minutes of 04/22/2013. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed comments from residents that attended an informational meeting regarding the Business Complex, which immediately preceded the Public Works meeting. Thirteen residents attended with most of them not being aware of the details of the Business Complex and sought an overview of the project. During the informational meeting, Trustee Van Den Eng explained the steps taken to date noting that the Village had received a \$261,000 grant through CDBG that was helping to fund the infrastructure. Issues discussed included:

- What would happen to the trees along the fence line between the Village and residents? Director Langer explained that most trees would stay, but that undesirable trees such as boxelder would be removed from Village property. Trees on resident's property would stay, but may need to be trimmed if the limbs overhung onto Village property and interfered with earth moving equipment.
- Who is responsible for the cost of trimming resident's trees that overhang onto Village property? Director Langer explained that the Village would be picking up the costs as part of the project.
- Would the barbwire fence on Village property be removed? Director Langer affirmed that it would as part of the project.
- What type of business would be located in the Business Complex? Trustees explained that the Village was targeting light commercial and light industrial.
- Would residents be subjected to excessive light or noisy conditions if a business ran a 2nd shift, which would interfere with resident's quality of life? Director Langer and Trustees explained that all building site plans must be reviewed by the Planning and Zoning Commission before approval was granted and that current ordinances and covenants should prevent such problems.
- How would the Business Complex affect property values? Trustees explained that it was hard to say as there is currently no data, but that the project was certainly in the best interest of the Village as a whole as we need to increase the commercial tax base.

Trustee Frandy noted that residential values do not necessarily drop adjacent to Business Park property as proven in other communities.

- Could the speed limit be reduced from the King Lake area coming into the Village limits since the entrance to the Business Park will be closer to the speed limit sign? Josh Straka explained that such a decision was up to the DOT, but that the Village could look into the matter.
- Was the width and cut of the entrance sufficient for trucks to enter the Business Complex? Josh Straka explained that the DOT had signed off on the project as is.
- Three options regarding the boundary between Village property and residents were presented with Josh Straka showing illustrations of each. All of the property owners in attendance that abutted the Business Complex stated that they wanted option #3 which includes a berm for aesthetic reasons. Trustee Van Den Eng stated that no decision had been made yet regarding the matter and that their input would be weighed against the cost at the next Board meeting on June 10th. Residents were encouraged to attend the Board meeting and assured that their comments would be taken into consideration.

Option 1) Landscaped edge (included in project estimate) - This option assumes a tree every 15 feet along a 10 foot wide strip between the residents and small drainage ditch. Landscaping area plus ditch would be 30 feet wide.

Option 2) Same layout as option one with twice the planting (both trees and bushes) – Additional cost of \$5,000

Option 3) Adding a berm with no mow grass and trees. This would require a small drainage ditch on each side of the berm and would require approximately 50 feet of width. Additional cost of \$15,000

Director Langer explained that he was going ahead with the upstream sampling plan for Allen's Creek regarding phosphorus levels ahead of the wastewater treatment plant and operational evaluation report. Public Works employees would be doing much of the work but Stand Associates Inc. has been contracted to help. Director Langer stated that he hopes to have enough in this year's budget for the monitoring, but that the budget for 2014 may need to be increased by as much as \$3,500.

The committee reviewed bids to remove bio-solids at the wastewater treatment plant. Director Langer explained that it may be more cost effective to have bio-solids spread on farmer's fields than pay Madison Metro to haul it away. The idea is to try this approach for a one-year period and then reevaluate the savings and workload. Money to pay for this would come out of the current sludge removal fund. Bids were requested from four companies and three replied. The companies contacted would take care of all testing and permits. The bids were as follows: Bytec at .0256 per gallon, Walter and Son at .04 per gallon and United Liquid Waste Recycling at .03257 per gallon. **Motion:** Van Den Eng/Lust to award the bio-solids removal contract to the low bidder Bytec for a one-year trail. Motion carried unanimously.

Director Langer spoke to the committee about requests to locate lot pins and asked for guidance. Residents periodically ask for assistance locating lot pins, but Public Works employees are not surveyors and cannot provide legal guidance on property boundaries. In

the event that Public Works employees were to give inaccurate advice regarding the location of lot pins the Village would be in an undesirable position. **Motion:** Klahn/Van Den Eng to direct Public Works to refrain from locating lot pins. Motion carried unanimously.

The committee reviewed the cost of the dumpster days collection. Over 400 vehicles dropped off waste filling eight refuse dumpsters weighing 27.77 tons and one dumpster of metal at 3.69 tons. The total cost after the credit for metal recycling was \$1,234.44.

The committee discussed whether a safety fence should be installed surrounding the Lincoln St. storm water sump. The storm water sump is often full and the water level is deep enough for a child to drown. Currently a fence is located on the south side of the sump along Lincoln St. but it does not surround the sump area. In order to install the fence on solid ground, the Village would need an easement from the neighboring property owners and at least one has stated that he would not provide it. A fence could be installed on Village property, but the footings would need to be installed underwater. This topic has been debated in the past with residents stating that they do not want to have a fence installed. The committee did not take any action.

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

- Water well #1 is operational
- Monthly water well samples were taken and safe
- Two out of three chemical pumps at well #1 were replaced
- A new DNR wastewater permit was issued
- Started mowing grass on May 2nd
- Pot holes were filled on May 20th
- Sold scrap metal on April 29th for \$114.77
- Sold aluminum cans and scrap sold on May 6th for \$131.99
- Business complex buildings were burned by Fire Department
- Business complex asbestos inspection results came back negative
- Lowered the height of the drive thru drop off box at Village Hall

Motion: Klahn/Van Den Eng to adjourn at 7:49 pm. Motion carried unanimously.