

**MINUTES
PUBLIC WORK'S COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, January 15, 2015
7:00 A.M., Allouez Village Hall**

PRESENT: Lynn Green, Jim Genrich, Rick King, Randy Gast, Jim Rafter

ALSO PRESENT: Craig Berndt, Brad Lange

1. MODIFY/ADOPT AGENDA

King/Genrich moved to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

2. APPROVE MINUTES from the DECEMBER 11th MEETING.

**Green/King moved to approve the minutes dated December 11, 2014.
Motion carried.**

OLD BUSINESS:

No Old Business

NEW BUSINESS:

3. DISCUSSION/ACTION: FINAL ACCEPTANCE OF THE HERITAGE HILL STORMWATER TREATMENT SYSTEM PROJECT (DPW Berndt).

Berndt explained that the project is complete and we would like to close out the WDNR loan. In order to do so the village has to certify the project complete and that the wage requirements have been met. McMahon Engineering has provided certification that wage rates have been complied with. Berndt recommends approving project close-out.

Lynn/Genrich moved to approve the recommendation of closing out the Heritage Hill Stormwater Treatment project. Motion carried.

4. DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONSIDERATION OF JOINING THE LEAGUE OF MUNICIPALITIES STORMWATER GROUP (DPW Berndt).

Berndt explained that this group was formed a few years ago and the village was a previous member. Berndt also explained that there are other groups that he is involved with that are more technical whereas this group focus in the legal side and the membership dues will go towards legal assistance regarding state stormwater regulations.

Gast favors the joining since the other groups are technical and this group would provide the legal assistance that is needed.

Genrich feels this would be money well spent.

Genrich/King moved to approve joining the League of Municipalities Stormwater Group. Motion carried.

5. DISCUSSION/ACTION: SIDEWALK SNOWPLOWING COST (DPW Berndt).

Berndt give an update on the policy for clearing sidewalks after a snow event. The question about increasing sidewalk snowplowing and its cost was brought up during the budget hearing. Currently, the street department is trying to get away from plowing after snow events. Calls have been received by the department asking not to plow their sidewalk. We have come a long way in the resident participation.

King -concerned that last year the sidewalks where terrible at the crosswalks and nobody seems to be taking care of them. When the sidewalk plow goes out using the snow blower, he agrees there is a residual left. King expressed that during his time as the Foreman, he only received one call asking not to plow. King believes we should be taking care of the sidewalks.

Genrich - noted that one business that had not been clearing the sidewalk on Webster. He sees more people walking the sidewalks then before.

Green - walks Webster Ave sidewalks.

Berndt – there are about a half dozen residents that do not clear their sidewalks on Webster.

Gast – it sounds like it is getting better each year. We need to be mindful to pay attention to the crosswalks and if they are not taken care of, we need to do so.

Berndt – The sidewalk plow operator has a shovel with him to clear the crosswalks and should be taking care of them.

Rafter – when the snow plows push snow onto the sidewalks on Webster, it is a concern. If we have the resources can we do the snow removal without using overtime? Can we increase the times we clear the sidewalks without incurring overtime costs? If we can do it, then do it.

Jim O’Roarke – This is a big issue. Can a list of what it cost per mile to plow the sidewalks and the trails be put together? How about a menu of costs?

Gast – Why don't we look into the cost of plowing the Fox River trail and bring the findings back to the budget meetings.

6. DISCUSSION/ACTION: CONCEPT PLAN AND SCHEDULE FOR WEBSTER SRTS PROJECT (DPW Berndt).

Berndt discussed the conceptual plan and path forward for the Safe Routes to School project, Webster School (attached).

Becky Nyberg – if you put out the options to move the side walk on Brookridge from one side of the street to the other it may cause resident concerns. The village would need to get approval from WDOT to see if changes to the plan are allowed. If the sidewalk were to be moved to the south side of Brookridge, then it defeats the purpose of providing a safe crossing for the kids.

Gast – before we make any changes to the plan, we need to take a look at everything and come up with the best plan.

Berndt – the submittals for the grant does not specify what side of the street on Brookridge the sidewalk was to be placed. The North side would require 10 -15 trees to be removed as some of the trees are close to the road.

King was excused at 7:55am and Genrich at 8:03am

Gast – no action at this time, but bring back at the next meeting.

DISCUSSION:

7. DISCUSSION: MILWAUKEE WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT ARTICLE (DPW Berndt).

Information only

8. ADJOURNMENT

Green/Rafter moved to adjourn at 8:07am. Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Brad Lange and Craig Berndt