

Village of Lombard

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Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 11, 2010

7:00 PM

Village Hall Community Room

Public Works Committee

*Trustee Greg Gron-Chairperson
Keith Giagnorio, Co- Chairperson
John Kaforski, Arthur Kuehl, David Arnold, Art Frerichs,
Ken Blakeslee, Stephen Preins,
Robert Bachner and Dan Mahal
Staff Liaison: David Dratnol*

1.0 Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Gron at 7:03 PM. Trustee Dana Moreau in attendance.

Staff present:

Carl Goldsmith, Director of Public Works

David Dratnol, Village Engineer

Present: Greg Gron, John Kaforski, David Arnold, Ken Blakeslee, Dan Mahal, Arthur Kuehl, Stephen Preins, Robert Bachner and Art Frerichs

2.0 Public Participation

*Linette George, 78 S. Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL
Andrew Jungblut, 78 S. Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL
Martin Bell, 68 S. Lombard Ave., Lombard, IL*

3.0 Approval of Minutes

It was moved by Preins, seconded by Kuehl, to approve. The motion carried by a voice vote

4.0 Unfinished Business

100103

Automated Meter Reading Project

Goldsmith addressed committee regarding the pilot for this program. Will be located at Fire Station 2 - delivered on May 13th, setup on May 14th. Will be in town for approx. 1 week. Will be bringing financial information and results of this testing to a future meeting. Kaforski: at that time will you be looking for a motion to go forward with this? Goldsmith: yes. Locations of towers discussed. Goldsmith: we want to ensure that they are placed on public property. We need to assess the signal strengths to make sure that 2 towers will be enough - there may be a need for 3 towers.

100243

LED Streetlight Retrofit Program

Village Board recommendation to pursue the LED Streetlight Retrofit Program for the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant of \$187,500.00.

Goldsmith supplied information as a follow up to the requests at the last 2 meetings. Goldsmith: reviewed highlights of item with committee members. Goldsmith passed out updated maps to the members. Kaforski: would like to see some alternatives - seek out specific designs where the LED light bounces back up. Goldsmith: this has not been bid out yet. We are fairly specific about what we expect. Village Board has been supportive of the LED lights. Steps that were prompted by the committee have helped with the project. Arnold: when we put the standard together for the street lights, LED's were not even a consideration. Lumens are going to change. Why even put it in there when we know it is going to change. It is not going to go back to the bulb. Goldsmith: we can work on verbiage that

allows us to be flexible. Preins: not comfortable with this - this will be the exact same thing that is on Main St. correct? Dratnol: yes, they will be. Further discussion ensued. Mahal: is there another project in the offing? Goldsmith: next will be the Great Western Trail. Kaforski: we are replacing the posts that need to be replaced along with the retrofitting correct? Goldsmith: I believe that we are replacing 14 poles. Goldsmith: we will make contact with another manufacturer and try to get some lights setup.

It was moved by Kaforski, seconded by Preins, that this matter be approved with conditions : approve the LED Lighting Residential Standard subject to the review of alternate standards and manufacturers. The motion carried by a voice vote

5.0 New Business

100244

Alley Maintenance Program

Goldsmith introduced Dana Moreau, Trustee for District 4. Many of the alley locations are within her district. Goldsmith gave an explanation of the background and the map with alley locations. Discussed the vacation of some of the alleys and maintenance of others. Kaforski: have any of the people been notified of this? Goldsmith: no, we are bringing this here first. Discussion ensued regarding the size of alleys, utility easements, etc. Dratnol: as part of the vacation, we would address each property owner. Kaforski: have you looked at each of these yourself? Goldsmith: yes. Bochner: according to state statute is the fair market value for tax purposes only? Arnold: are any of these areas we are looking at vacating are they gravel/concrete/asphalt and if they are, are we going to put them back to grass? Are there any rain water run off problems? Goldsmith: yes there is one area. Preins: we cannot just have one blanket policy since there are different situations. Committee is in favor of investigating and going forth with this issue. L. George, 78 S. Lombard: provided photos of her property and the alley. Has lived in this home for 7 1/2 years. Constantly has water coming into her garage due to the pitch in the alley. Goldsmith: not to put the horse before the cart - but if we decide to go forward with this plan - we would like to look at different designs that could be used in the alleys that we are going to maintain. This way we could address some of these problems in the CIP. What we are looking for is direction from the committee as to what we can vacate and then we can look at maintenance. Goldsmith: this whole alley (on S. Lombard) is a problem - there is no sewer to hook up to. M. Bell, 68 S. Lombard: also provided photographs for the committee to view. The water collection is bad in the winter and even worse in the spring. Also, there are runoffs from different properties. There has been a plan to create a wedge and remove the crown. There is a hazard here with the icing situation. Goldsmith: need to come up with a design that is not only safe but is effective. Kaforski: let's try to come up with a short term fix until we can come up with an effective long term fix. Goldsmith: we are looking at worst first and funding is always going to be an issue. Kaforski: possibly perform engineering in house for these 2-3 properties. Goldsmith: we would like to perform a long term fix - we can start looking at a permanent solution and costs. We do need to draw attention to this issue. Moreau: I am starting to get more and more calls on the alley issue. Most of them are from Lombard Ave., but I am also getting calls from Maple St. Kaforski: would like to get a dollar figure so that we know what we are talking about. Preins: don't want to make a knee jerk decision. Goldsmith: we need to make a long term plan. M. Bell: what is going to be the next step? Can the committee keep us informed and talk with us and our neighbors about the course of action? Goldsmith: we will work with Community Development for the next few weeks and find out what areas should be addressed first. Some of these we have no solutions for. By June we will have the ranking on these, and then we can start incorporating some of these projects into the CIP. Anything that

will require a sizable amount of \$\$ will need to go into the CIP. Goldsmith: it will take at least 2 months to assess which alleys are in greatest need. Then staff needs to sit down with the Trustees involved and Community Development and engineering firms. We can start with FY2012 budget. We will do everything that we can to supply some temporary fixes. Frerichs: alley is in the people's backyards. We already have a backyard flooding grant program. Goldsmith: we have no sewer in this area for the water to go to. Preins: we are going to have to prioritize and will not be able to fix these all at once. We will have to pick the worst ones and fit them into the CIP as funds are available.

It was moved by Preins, seconded by Mahal, that this matter be recommend to the Board of Trustees for Approval

1) Adoption of Alley Maintenance Policy to pursue the vacation of the alleys identified by staff.

2) Direct staff to take a look at immediate temporary repairs to alleviate drainage issues. Evaluate all alleys and develop a program for alley maintenance. The motion carried by a voice vote

6.0 Item for Ratification

100192

LED Lights for the Main Street Lighting, Phase II Project

A recommendation from the Public Works Committee to use LED lights. (DISTRICTS #1 and #4)

Gron: there were 7 "yes" votes and 1 "no" vote by Bochner. Gron asked Bochner for clarification on his vote. Bochner: I still do not like the glare issue. I understand the green issue and money savings. Preins: I agree but I don't think that we are going to stop it. Bochner: I want the money to go back into the budget. Preins: I still think the lights here look way better than the ones in Naperville. We will be on the cutting edge. Discussion ensued regarding LED lights and how they work.

7.0 Other Business

Preins: any update on Charles Lane? Dratnol: as part of the watermain project on Rte. 53 we will try to address the Charles Lane issues. If we cannot, nothing will be done at this time. Preins: there are a lot of potholes on Charles Lane. Dratnol: will have street department check this and fill.

8.0 Information Only

970045	Project Status Report
980212	Change Order Report
030008	Engineering Monthly Report

[090402](#) Restoration - Current List

9.0 Adjournment

It was moved by Frerichs, seconded by Blakeslee, to adjourn at 8:29 PM. The motion carried by a voice vote