

Public Works & Parks Meeting  
Village of Whiting

Date: Tues Nov 25, 2008

Place: Whiting Municipal Center

Time: 5:00 to 5:45

1. Roll Call. All committee members, Jerry Walters, Matt Riberich, Paul Stroik

2. Review of current budget

3. Update on 2009 proposed budget

Chris Brindley (chair) advised there will be a public meeting on 12/4 to review budget. Amended 2009 PW&P budget includes adding request for street improvement monies and 4% pay raise for Matt Riberich.

Chris also explained how Jeff Schlegel's (Dir P/W) salary will be divided up between PW&P & Utilities budget. Committee is also asking to purchase dump truck in 2009 by putting purchase price (\$77,000) on with Debt Services and add to mill rate for 1 year payout.

4. Update on Snow Removal

Jeff S advised he spoke with Dave Ladick (Construcks) and was informed there should be enough road salt for the snow removal season. Village snow removal equipment seems to be in good running condition.

5. Update on retention pond north of Sherman Ave

Chris advised no update, still working on geological impact.

6. Update on safety issue at Hickory & Linden St intersection

Jeff S advised 8 or 9 bushes were removed by the village 1 day past the date given to the resident to have the right of way cleared. Area will need to be retouched and seeded in the spring. The invoice to the resident will be sent shortly for the village services. Prices used were based on DNR (grants) policy for useage of equipment, wages & benefits charges. Sarah Gilbert questioned what a professional would have charged to have the area cleaned up. John Wachoviak questioned the pricing of the employee time vs what the village employee could have been doing for the village rather than clean up a residents yard. Jeff & Chris advised a copy of the invoice will be presented to the committee when done to show charges.

Jeff also advised they looked into the Linden St brush pile and spoke with the resident.

7. Public Works Director's Report

Maintenance done on F450 Dump Truck, Lawn Mower, snow equipment

Closed compost site

Matt R assisted utilities with problems at the plant

Picnic table pickup

Sand barrels in place  
repair flag at Village Center  
Election day set up & take down  
Install heat tape on roof at Hall  
Air compressor installed at Hall

Jeff also advised there was some graffiti on dumpster. There has been some park vandalism-- picnic tables thrown into the river, this is the 2nd or 3rd time this year. They may have a lead on who did the damage. Jeff & Matt are looking into what can be done to prevent this in the future.

#### 8. Tree City USA Report

Matt R has purchased all items that were approved by the committee earlier this fall and cost is coming in less than expected. Tree City USA designation application/grant is done & turned in. Matt advised he will need recertification for being a certified Arborist. Cost is approximately \$200. John advised the Cell Tower fund has provisions for education costs. Matt advised he needs 30 points, and classes are throughout the year. Cheryl Coulthurst questioned if any of the classes needed could be done on-line. Motion made by John Wachoviak, 2nd by Will to proceed with \$200 cost to have Matt recertified.  
Motion carried.

#### 9, Review of street assessment report

Chris B referred to the on/at pavement rating spreadsheet for the condition of the roads. Most of the roads are in good shape thanks to prior attention given by former PW&P chair Al Walkush. There are a few streets that will need to be looked at like Cherry St (ranked a 3 out of 7) and West Cedar St (4) and budget planning will need to be looked at for street repair costs.

#### 10. Such other matters as permitted by law

- Chris advised there will be a McDill Lake District meeting on Dec 17 @ 6:00 pm at the Ben Frankling Jr High School library. The village liaison was requested to attend.
- Next meeting of PW&P will be Dec 30.

Motion by Will Lehner to adjourn, 2nd by Al Walkush. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted:  
Cheryl Coulthurst