



VILLAGE OF WILMETTE

1200 Wilmette Avenue
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MEETING MINUTES

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE BOARD

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2014

8:30 A.M.

TRAINING ROOM OF VILLAGE HALL

- Members Present: Trustee Julie Wolf, Chair
Trustee Alan Swanson
Trustee Cameron Krueger
- Members Absent: None
- Staff Present: Brigitte Berger, P.E., Director of Engineering Services
Jorge Cruz, Civil Engineer
Michael Braiman, Assistant Village Manager
- Guests Present: Michael Young, RJN Group
Steve Wilson, Park District Executive Director
Bill Lambrecht, Wilmette Park District Resident, 4040 Bunker Lane
Bob Davis, 227 Kilpatrick Lane
Al Hollenbeck, RJN
Mike Henderson, RJN
Zach Matyja, RJN
Sheldon Rothstein, 600 Lamon Myler, 3007 Old Glenview Road
Raquel Mudarth, 3528 Greenwood

I. CALL TO ORDER.

Trustee Julie Wolf, Chair, called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m. Committee members Trustees Swanson and Krueger were present.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES; MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 29, 2014.

Trustee Wolf directed the Committee's attention to the draft minutes of the Municipal Services Committee meeting of April 29, 2014.

Trustee Krueger moved that the Committee approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Trustee Swanson and the minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote. **The motion carried.**

III. DISCUSSION OF HARMS/WEST PARK STORAGE PROJECT

Brigitte Berger, Director of Engineering, said staff is seeking direction on questions regarding the West Park Storage Project. The western one-third of the separate sewer area is tributary to a 36 inch sanitary sewer that connects to the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District's (MWRD) interceptor pipe at Harms Road. During heavy rain events the MWRD's interceptor surcharges into Wilmette's system. The purpose of this project is to design a pump station, backflow valve and 5.5 million gallon storage tank to store excess sanitary flows during rain events and ensure Wilmette's effluent can discharge into MWRD's system. This project is estimated to reduce the frequency and severity of basement sewer backups for over 1300 homes. The project is on track to be operational spring of 2016.

Ms. Berger said staff is seeking direction on the following questions:

- 1) Given the project's cost escalation (50%) since the original estimate was prepared, does the Committee still recommend moving forward with the project? (Project cost has increased from \$12 million to \$18 million.)
- 2) The Park District is requesting \$1.3 million in "upgrades" to West Park. What will be the Village's contribution toward these improvements?
- 3) Decision on the project delivery system of either traditional design-bid-build or design-build.

Michael Young, consultant with RJN Group, provided a power point overview of the project, including the site plan and the various mechanical and electrical components (document attached).

Mr. Young said the larger cost of the project will be the tank and the cost has increased from \$4.7 million to \$7.3 million since the estimate provided in 2013.

Trustee Krueger suggested looking at all locations in the area for placement of the storage tank to possibly save costs.

Mr. Young said they are looking at the other costs of the project and are trying to find alternatives for each item to save money. He reviewed the costs for the design build of the storage tank and the cost competitiveness of the contractors.

Mr. Young said the Village received a letter from the Park District expressing their willingness to work with the Village on the project to build the underground storage tank in West Park. The Park District is asking the Village to pay for approximately \$1.32 million of restoration and park-related costs that would not otherwise be required for this project.

Trustee Krueger asked what the cost savings would be if the odor control was not built into the project.

Mr. Young said there would be an approximate savings of \$400,000.

Steve Wilson, Park District Executive Director, said the Park District Commissioners would strongly recommend odor control for the project as the storage tank would be below a park facility that residents use regularly.

Sheldon Rothstein, 600 Lamon, asked what area would be helped the most by the proposed storage tank.

Mr. Young said the area west of Romona Road would be helped by the proposed storage tank.

Trustee Krueger said he would support building the infrastructure for the odor control and then deferring its installation until it is determined it is necessary. He has some concerns with the Park District's upgrades which are \$1.3 million and may hold up the project.

Trustee Swanson said he believes the Village has to go ahead with the 5.5 million storage tank and believes the size of the project is dictated by the hydraulics not the cost. This is an opportunity to solve the flooding problem in the area. He believes the Park District requests should be discussed.

Trustee Wolf said the studies have illuminated the problems with the flooding in the area and the Village does need to do something. She is concerned with the financing of the project and would like to see what could be done to address the costs. She said the costs for the Village and the Park District will be paid for by Wilmette residents and will benefit Wilmette residents so she would like to work closely with the Park District regarding their requests. She does believe the

project needs to go forward.

Ms. Berger said, from the Trustees discussion, it sounds like they would like to move forward with the project, however the \$18.1 million should be tailored back as much as possible. She said staff can definitely continue to do that until there is a final product.

Ms. Berger asked the Trustees if they would like staff to have another meeting with the Park District regarding their request for \$1.3 in upgrades to West Park.

Trustee Krueger said he believed the Park District is actually asking for more than \$1.3 million as they would also like the Village to add odor control to the project which would add an additional \$400,000 to the project. He would like to meet sooner rather than later with the Park District to move forward with the project.

Ms. Berger asked if the Trustees would like to specify an amount to give to the Park District for upgrades and let them decide what projects they would like to do.

Trustee Swanson said he believes there should be discussion with the Park District regarding the upgrades they are requesting as it is for the public good and it is all public money.

Trustee Wolf suggested including the request from the Park District in the upcoming budget meeting.

Mr. Braiman noted that there have been discussions and negotiations between the Village Manager and the Park District Executive Director.

Mr. Wilson said the concept of the storage project in West Park was originally discussed with the Park District Commissioners and they agreed to it. He said there have been negotiations regarding the various upgrades they have requested but he believes a meeting to discuss the upgrades would be appropriate.

Trustee Swanson said he would be interested in the discussion and background of the upgrades being requested by the Park District. He believes the Park District Commissioners are willing to do their part to help make the project a reality and the Village knows they have an obligation to repair the property after the project.

Trustee Krueger said he would like to discuss the Park District's request for \$1.7 million at the Village Board's budget meeting. The Village could save 10% of the

project cost if they just put West Park back the same way as it was before the proposed storage project. He said it is a problem of the community as a whole and even though West Park is the Park District's land, the money comes out of all residents' pockets.

Mr. Wilson said the Park District holds the property in trust for the public and they would be impairing the future uses of the property which has to be considered. They would never be able to construct a building on that property once the storage tank is completed and that is a significant issue.

The Trustees said they would like to take the discussion to the full Village Board and thanked Mr. Wilson for sharing the Park District's reasons for the upgrade requests.

Trustee Krueger asked if there were other sites that were possibilities for the storage tank project other than West Park and would there be additional costs in considering them.

Mr. Young said there were other sites but they were much smaller in size.

Ms. Berger said the cost has been approximately \$400,000 for the surveys and preliminary engineering for the West Park site.

Mr. Young reviewed the differences between the project delivery system of either traditional design-bid-build or design-build. He noted that historically there are a lot fewer change orders with design build than there are with design-bid-build. Mr. Young presented the benefits of design-build reviewing the costs and scheduling presented in the report.

Trustee Swanson said he is in favor of the concept of the design-build project delivery.

Trustee Krueger asked if there were any grant monies available for the project to which Mr. Young said there are unfortunately, very few grants available for this type of project.

The Trustees said they were agreeable with going ahead with the concept of the design-build project delivery system.

DISCUSSION OF ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION IN WILMETTE

Ms. Berger noted that the members of Active Transportation in Wilmette had to leave the meeting.

Trustee Wolf said she believes one of the biggest issues for Active Transportation is a safe route for the schools and camps. She said the idea makes sense but at this time she believes there are no funds available.

Ms. Berger said it is staff's position that if they are proposing a safe route to school, it should be a school driven promotion and they should manage that process. She said the Village does not have the resources to design the routes for them.

Trustee Wolf said Active Transportation would be willing to pursue grant monies and if they did receive a grant then possibly the schools, Village and Park District could work together to pursue a safe route.

Trustee Krueger said he would be interested in seeing the need for a safe route for schools and camps before spending Village resources.

Mr. Wilson said the Park District's job is to make improvements for bicyclists in the parks but the Park District would be willing to work with the schools and the Village if a grant opportunity is made available.

Trustee Swanson said he would like to see a designated bicycle lane for an east/west route across the Village if the opportunity was possible.

Trustee Wolf suggested having the Environmental and Energy Commission work with Active Transportation.

Ms. Berger said she would follow up with Active Transportation and the Environmental and Energy Commission.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Trustee Wolf asked for a motion to adjourn. Trustee Swanson moved to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Trustee Krueger. No further discussion occurred on the motion. Voting yes: Trustee Wolf, Trustee Swanson and Trustee Krueger. Voting no: none. **The motion carried.**

The meeting was thereafter adjourned.

Minutes Respectfully Prepared by Barbara Hirsch.