

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee
Saturday April 28, 2012

Workman called the meeting to order at 08:00.

Members Present: Ken Pariser, Jan Whitler, Marv Sollars, Mark Kennedy, Tom McGreevy, Bruce Adreani, Bob Stewart

Members Absent: None

Also Present: Craig Workman

Visitors Heard: None

Review Water Softener Ordinance

Workman briefly outlined the proposed ordinance creating water softener regulations which is being recommended by the FW/WPCC Board as an effort to reduce chlorides at the wastewater treatment facility. Workman stated that the wastewater treatment facility is having a difficult time reducing chlorides to the current standard and the DNR has order the facility to lower its chloride content. The ordinance mandates that any new water softeners be of the “on demand” type rather than the “time clock” type. In other words, only the softeners that recharge based on consumption would be approved for installation. Workman stated that the proposed ordinance may help to reduce the chlorides entering the facility, and it would demonstrate to the DNR that the wastewater treatment facility is attempting to address the problem. Workman further stated that the ordinance would be difficult to enforce. Pariser stated that he would be in support of persuading residents to purchase this type of softener, but was not in support of mandating it, nor was he in support of creating a law just for the sake of creating a law. Additional discussion ensued and the consensus of the committee was in line with Pariser’s comments. Kennedy/Pariser made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board urge citizens to comply with the water softener regulations in lieu of adopting an unenforceable ordinance. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Stearns & Dewey Project Update

Workman updated the committee on the status of the Stearns & Dewey Project. Bids were opened in late March. Bids were submitted by Payne & Dolan, Inc., \$373,519 and by B.R. Amon and Sons, Inc., \$364,435. Workman stated that although the base bid prices came in higher than the budget, there were several line items that could be negotiated with the low bidder. He further stated that by doing so, he thought the Village could complete the contract within, or very close to the budget. Workman stated that he hoped to have a change order in front of the Village Board for approval in May in order

to have the projects completed by the end of June. The contract approval was also contingent on the negotiation and approval of an intergovernmental cost sharing agreement with the Town of Walworth for the portion of Dewey Avenue that is located in the township. Workman stated this agreement would also be in front of the board in May.

Tarrant/Shabbona Storm Sewer Project Update

Workman updated the committee on the status of the Tarrant/Shabbona Project. To date, the plans area at about 70% complete. In order to complete the plans, and proceed with the bidding, an easement route will need to be determined for the outfall to Pottawatomie Creek. Workman stated that he hoped to have the location determined next month in order to complete the plans and proceed with the bidding.

Abbey Springs Water Main Update

Workman stated that he was still working with the Village Attorney on the easements that will be required to complete the Abbey Springs Water Main Project. Workman stated that he made a presentation to the Abbey Springs Board earlier in the month and the board seemed very receptive to the project. They had a couple of concerns regarding tree removal and protection of their tee box for hole #6. Workman stated these concerns could be mitigated by some minor changes to the plan set. In addition to the Abbey Springs easement, there will be three other easements necessary to complete the project.

General Construction Project Updates

Workman stated there was nothing to report

Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was tentatively set for 5/26/2012 at 8 am.

Adjournment

Kennedy/Adreani made a MOTION to adjourn at 0900. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Minutes prepared by DPW Workman