

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee
Saturday August 29, 2009

Chairman McGreevy called the meeting to order at 08:00.

Members Present: Tom McGreevy, Marv Sollars, Ken Pariser, Jan Whitler

Members Absent: Bob Stewart, Mark Kennedy, Bruce Adreani

Also Present: Craig Workman, Mike Palmer

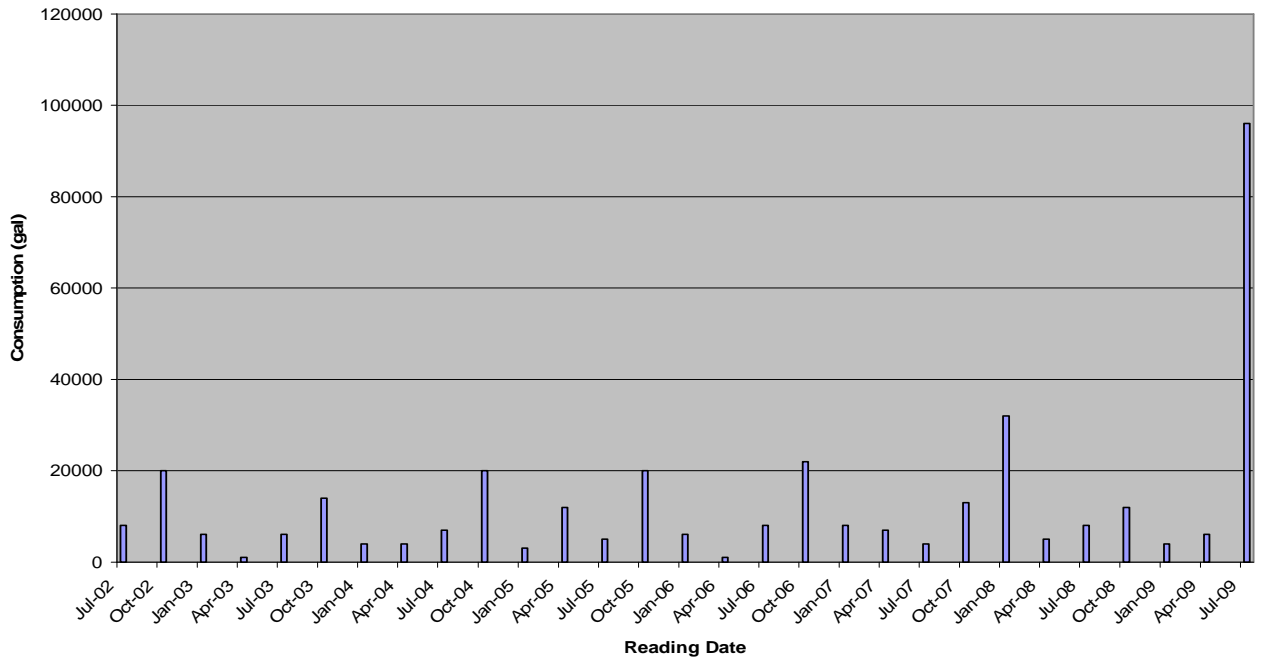
Approve July 2009 Minutes

Workman briefly reviewed the minutes from the last meeting, which was held July 25, 2009. Workman stated he had only sent the minutes out a few days prior to the August meeting. The committee decided to take some additional time to review the minutes and they consider them for approval at the next meeting.

PLT Partnership Water Bill Dispute

Workman presented the historical water consumption data for the property owned by the PLT Partnership (1028 South Lakeshore Drive), which is shown below:

PLT Partnership Water Consumption History



The July 2009 water usage was 96,000 gallons, compared to a normal second quarter consumption of approximately 7,000 gallons. Workman stated that the meter was tested and found within specification. Specifically, the meter tested at 98% at 0.5 gpm, 100% at 3 gpm, and 100% at 25 gpm. Workman stated that an inside check of the house revealed one toilet with a bad flapper, and two toilets very close to the overflow line. Mike Palmer was present on behalf of the property owner and stated that he did not think the reading was accurate, nor did he think that one toilet could account for that much consumption. Palmer also stated that the property was subject to historical overflows of the Village's Sanitary Sewer system. Palmer asked the committee to consider waiving the sewer charges for the excessive consumption in light of these overflows. Palmer was then asked to step out of the room so the committee could discuss the situation. After further discussion, the consensus of the committee was that the meter tested accurately, and several toilets were found to be in question. Although the committee acknowledged the sewer overflows, they did not want to set a precedent of crediting water bills for sewer overflows. Pariser/Sollars 2nd made a MOTION to deny any credit to PLT Partnership for the property at 1028 South Lakeshore Drive for their July 2009 water bill. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Private Roadway Plowing Discussion

Workman introduced the topic of the Village's practice of plowing private roadways. Currently, the Public Works Department plows the majority of the private roadways in town. This policy was in place long before Workman began as Public Works Director six years ago. Workman stated that he understands private roadways are plowed for emergency access only, however, the level of service provided on private roadways matches that of public roads, including full width snow clearing and deicing. Chairman McGreevy stated that the finance committee has recently recommended a spending freeze, based on revenues coming in below projections. McGreevy stated this spending freeze has forced him to think about ways for the Village to reduce spending, or increase revenues. One way to do so would be to change our plowing policies on private roadways. McGreevy stated that he was specifically focusing his thoughts on Abbey Springs, which is a "gated community". Unless you can prove to the security guards that you have a legitimate reason to be in Abbey Springs, they won't let you in. McGreevy said this is ample cause for the Village to consider how much public money is spent maintaining the roadways within Abbey Springs. Workman stated that he thought they plowed approximately 5 miles of roadway within Abbey Springs, and spent an average of three hours per storm. Workman also estimated they spread approximately 1000 pounds of salt (200 pounds per mile) per event. Whitler stated that his company's plowing rates are \$135/hour for a truck equipped with an 8' plow plus \$5/pound of salt spread. Workman stated that the Village uses a truck with a 12' plow, plus an 8' wing, which was capable of clearing much more snow than a standard pickup with an 8' blade. McGreevy suggested Workman obtain a quote from a private contractor to handle the route that the Village covers in Abbey Springs. Pariser stated that he was not comfortable billing private subdivisions for snow removal services, as it may increase the Village's liability when conducting such operations. Pariser would rather we simply discontinue plowing in gated subdivisions. After some additional discussion, the committee agreed with this

opinion. Pariser/Sollars 2nd made a MOTION to recommend to the Village Board that the Village discontinue snow removal operations in any and all gated communities within the Village. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Adreani Land Transaction

Workman updated the committee on the proposal to transfer a piece of lakefront property at the north end of Mohr Road to the Adreani Family for a vacant lot located at Indian Hills Road and South Lakeshore Drive. At the July meeting of the Public Works Committee, it was recommended “the Plan Commission proceed with negotiations with respect to the land swap”. The Plan Commission reviewed the proposal at their July 27, 2009 meeting, during which two motions were made with respect to the swap. The first motion made by the Plan Commission was to “deny the proposed transfer of lakefront property to the Adreani Family for a vacant lot located at Indian Hills Road and South Lakeshore Drive.” This motion failed on a 2-4 vote. The second motion made by the Plan Commission was to “table the item and to direct Village staff to develop a checklist of information regarding the parameters of the proposal, including appraisals, surveys and photographs of the parcels, with the condition that a cost recovery agreement is signed by the Adreani family.” The MOTION carried on a 4-2 vote. The cost recovery agreement is still pending.

Timber Ridge Lift Station Abandonment Update

Workman Informed the committee that the Timber Ridge property owners had all signed the necessary easement documents to move the project forward and he was currently negotiating with Adreani for the easement on the west side of the project.

Stormwater Management Plan/Utility Update

Workman informed the committee that Ruckert Mielke was completing the final chapters of the stormwater management plan and utility. The report is expected to be completed in September.

Sauganash Project Update

Workman stated that contracts had been signed and Mann Brothers is expected to begin work on the project in Mid September. The gas company has a number of conflicts with the new utilities and grading plan and will be addressing these issues prior to Mann Brothers beginning construction. A preconstruction meeting is scheduled for next week with the contractor and an open house meeting will be conducted in early September, which will give residents an opportunity to review plans and ask questions.

Fontana/Walworth Bike Path Project Update

Workman stated that Mann Brothers began work on the project a few weeks ago by completing the tree removal portion of the project. The next phase will include the construction of about 300 feet of retaining wall, which will be subcontracted to Prairie Tree. Storm sewer installation and preliminary path grading are expected to begin by the middle of September.

Fontana Blvd. Lighting and Landscape Project Update

Workman stated that the Village received two bids for the contract, and PTS Landscaping, Inc., submitted the low total bid at \$457,785. Mann Brothers, Inc., was the other bidder on the project at \$474,732. The specifications required general contractors to use Power Tech Electric, LLC in the base bid for the electrical work on the project, although they were allowed to propose an alternate bid for a different electrical contractor. PTS's base bid for the electrical work was \$183,350 and they bid an alternate to use Rewald Electric at \$123,600. Workman stated that he was nervous about awarding the alternative bid for the electric work to Rewald Electric because the bid is substantially lower than the cost to use Power Tech. Workman stated that he works with Power Tech has on a daily basis and he is confident that their bid is more a more realistic cost to complete the job as specified. Workman stated that the project would be on the agenda for the September CDA meeting for discussion and recommendation to the Village Board.

General Construction Updates

Workman stated he had no other updates.

Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for 9/26/2009

Adjournment

Whitler/Sollars made a MOTION to adjourn at 09:35. MOTION carried without a negative sere.

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