

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee
Saturday September 26, 2009

Workman called the meeting to order at 08:05.

Members Present: Marv Sollars, Ken Pariser, Jan Whitler, Mark Kennedy, Bruce Adreani

Members Absent: Bob Stewart, Tom McGreevy

Also Present: Craig Workman, Pete Petersen, Micki O'Connell

Approve July 2009 Minutes

Workman stated the committee decided to take some additional time to review the minutes at the last meeting. No changes were recommended. Kennedy/Sollars 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Approve August 2009 Minutes

Workman briefly reviewed the minutes from the August 2009 meeting. No changes were recommended. Whitler/Sollars 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes as presented. MOTION carried without a negative vote

Lower Abbey Springs Generator Installation

Workman reviewed the discussion that was held at the June 2009 meeting regarding the generator at the Lower Abbey Springs lift station. Proposals were reviewed at that meeting for the upgrades to the generator that was purchased from the 1030 program last year. Although the generator was purchased for \$300, it will cost about \$8000 to install a fuel tank, controller, oil pan eater, and battery charger. In addition, the enclosure and automatic transfer switch will cost about \$3000. Workman also presented a proposal for a new generator, equipment and transfer switch for \$10,590. The consensus of the committee that it would be well worth the \$2500 to purchase the new generator and recommended Workman move forward with the collection of additional proposals. Workman then presented three new proposals that were obtained. They were as follows:

Generac	\$9,899
Kohler	\$14,848
Cummins	\$15,650

Workman stated that the Village was currently under a spending freeze. However this project would come from budgeted funds under the utility budget, which has a different revenue stream. Adreani asked how the Village Board allocated funds under a spending freeze. Petersen stated that the spending freeze covered all purchases, however the prudent approach would be to move forward with the project this year if the money is available in the utility budget, or budget for it in 2010. Adreani asked what the warranty was on the Generac. Workman stated that the proposal was unclear. It was stated that there was a 90 day warrantee from the installer, but a separate warranty applied from the manufacturer. Adreani stated the warranty should match that of the other two generators, which was one year. Adreani also stated that Workman should do cross reference the two generators to make sure that the Generac was not missing anything. Workman stated this has already been completed and all three generators included the generator, outdoor enclosure, cooling system, fuel system, control system, starting system, and automatic transfer switch. Adreani/Whitler 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board move forward with the generator in 2009 so long as it includes a one year warranty. MOTION carried without a negative vote

Private Roadway Plowing Discussion

Workman stated that several members of the public works committee were not at the August meeting when this topic was initially discussed. Specifically, Kennedy and Adreani, who live on private roads, were absent during the meeting and should be included in the discussion. Workman reviewed the motion, which was approved at the September meeting, which was to recommend to the Village Board that the Village discontinue snow removal operations in any and all gated communities within the Village. Kennedy stated that he was completely against this recommendation. He stated that the decision completely focuses on Abbey Springs, which is a subdivision that pays the same tax rate as every other subdivision, even though the majority of the property owners in Abbey Springs are part time residents. Pariser stated that being a part time resident was a matter of choice, and whether or not a property owner lives somewhere else for part of the year should not be factored into the decision. Kennedy stated the fact that the Village does not receive any state aid for private roads should not be factored into the equation, since private subdivisions are responsible for their own road repairs. Kennedy stated that he would be in support of reducing the amount of salt used on all roadways, as opposed to discontinuing snow removal operations all together. He feels that the liability the Village faces for discontinuing snow removal operations far outweighs the liability for reducing salt spreading. Sollars stated that the discussion at the previous meeting was based on the spirit of saving the Village money, and wasn't intended to increase liability. Whitler suggested the Village research the Plan Development documents for Abbey Springs to see if there is any language regarding snow removal operations. Pariser stated that one of the other factors that played into the decision last month was the fact that the Village ran out of salt a few years ago and was forced to go to a sand mix. The Village should not be sacrificing the safety of major roads for the lesser traveled private roads. Pariser further stated that he was still in favor of the motion made at the previous meeting. He would rather deal with 600 angry Abbey

Springs residents than the rest of the community. Workman stated that he was in support of Kennedy's idea to use less salt in private and secondary roads in general. Although he feels that we currently spend far too much time and resources on private roadway snow removal, he is fearful that a sudden change will cause unsafe conditions. Workman stated that the motion made at the previous meeting would go to the board in October, however he recommended a second motion be made that was more conservation minded, than the previous. Adreani/Sollars 2nd made a MOTION to continue to evaluate salt consumption on all Village roads and to continue to look at ways to save money on snow removal operations and use of plow assets. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

267 Castle Terrace Update

Pariser requested Workman update the committee on the situation with Kim Helton, the owner of the property at 267 Castle Terrace. The committee decided at a previous meeting the homeowner should be allowed to install a storm sewer adjacent to their house, but it should not be the responsibility of the Village. Since that time, the Village has extended the culver at the east end of their property further in, to make their grading project easier. Workman since received another letter from Kim Helton, dated 7/25/2009. Workman planned to respond to that letter as soon as he heard back from the Village Attorney on the best way to respond.

Timber Ridge Lift Station Abandonment Update

Workman informed the committee that he was currently negotiating with Adreani for the easement on the west side of the project. Adreani has agreed to remove this easement from the negotiations regarding the Mohr Road/Indian Hills land transaction. With that in mind, Workman and Adreani were optimistic they could finalize the easement and complete the Lift Station Abandonment work this year.

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 Mann Brothers was expected to begin work on the Sauganash project next week. They are planning to begin with the storm water and grading work on Tarrant Drive, Davis Ct., and Montague. They will then move up to Sauganash and begin watermain installation, followed by storm sewer on Sauganash.

Fontana/Walworth Bike Path Project Update

Workman stated that Mann Brothers has completed the storm sewer installation for the bike path, and grading work has begun. A spring was uncovered at the north end of the project, which will require some extra work to mitigate.

Fontana Blvd. Lighting and Landscape Project Update

Workman stated that a preconstruction meeting had been conducted with Prairie Tree and their subs for the project. In order to facilitate the paver crosswalk installation across Fontana Blvd., there will be two phases of construction. During both phases, eastbound Fontana Boulevard traffic will be detoured down 3rd Ave to Lake Street. Westbound traffic will remain on Fontana Boulevard, but will be detoured into the eastbound lane during the second phase. The first phase of construction is expected to begin next week.

General Construction Updates

Workman stated he had no other updates.

Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was set for 10/24/2009

Adjournment

Pariser/Adreani made a MOTION to adjourn at 09:40. MOTION carried without a negative vote.