

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

OFFICIAL Minutes

Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee
Saturday August 4, 2012

McGreevy called the meeting to order at 08:00.

Members Present: Bruce Adreani, Ken Pariser, Marv Sollars, Mark Kennedy, Tom McGreevy

Members Absent: Jan Whitler, Bob Stewart

Also Present: Craig Workman

Visitors Heard: None

Approve 5/26/2012 Minutes

Workman briefly outlined the highlights of the meeting minutes from the 5/26/2012 committee meeting. Pariser/Adreani made a MOTION to approve the minutes from the 5/26/2012 meeting. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

O'Halleran Letter Regarding Mohr Road

Workman presented a letter from Michael O'Halleran regarding Mohr Road. The letter requested the vacation of the second half of Mohr Road by the Village. The first half of the road was vacated in 1997. The letter stated that the pavement is in terrible shape and when it rains, water runs along the east edge, undercutting the base, until it gets to the O'Halleran home and floods their garage. As the owners of title to the east half of the road from the 1997 vacation, O'Halleran's letter states that he would consider taking over future ownership and maintenance of the road if the Village would vacate the second half of the road. Adreani stated that the letter specifically excludes the 33 foot wide lakefront parcel adjacent to his property and that the letter indicates this parcel would be accessed by a newly created easement from South Lakeshore Drive. Adreani stated that the road has been in need of repair for years and the storm water situation has only grown worse as up gradient building projects are completed. He also stated that they have pictures of the poor road conditions from before they began construction of their lakefront home last year. Kennedy stated that when this proposal was discussed in the past it was with the intention that the Village would acquire the property at the southeast corner of Indian Hills Road and South Lakeshore Drive for storm water management purposes. Without that property swap still on the table, Kennedy did not see the merit in pursuing this proposal. Kennedy further stated that the when this came before the Public Works Committee the last time the committee was working on the abandonment of the Timber Ridge Lift Station. In order to abandon the station the village acquired an easement from

Adreani, which was given in good faith that the Village would continue discussions on the land trade. Adreani stated that although he was nearly finished with his building project, he might still be willing to discuss the land swap. Kennedy/Sollars made a MOTION to recommend vacation of the road to the Village Board subject to review of localized storm water management goals and review of road repair/reconstruction costs and a cost sharing plan. MOTION carried without a negative vote. Adreani abstained from the vote.

Northshore Lift Lightning Strike

Workman informed the committee of a July 18, 2012 lightning strike that hit the North Shore Lift Station. The lightning strike lead to a catastrophic failure of the station. As a result of the electrical surge caused by the lightning strike several critical lift station components were rendered inoperable and required or will require replacement. These components include both 25 HP submersible sewage pumps, the automatic transfer switch for the standby generator, both motor starters, all of the floats, and several of the programmable logic control components. Workman stated that thanks to the prompt response, clear thinking, and attention to detail by Village Staff, especially Dennis Barr, there was not a Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) as a result of this catastrophic lift station failure. It should also be noted that an insurance claim has been submitted for this event and Workman has met with a Property Claim Examiner from Chubb Insurance to go over the damages of the claim. Workman stated that he planned to write a letter of commendation for Lead Water Department employee Dennis Barr. The lift station was just reconstructed in 2011.

New Utility Crew Member Hire

Workman stated that they had received over 50 applications for the utility Department Crew member position. Workman stated there were several candidates in the running and final interviews were planned for later in the month. Workman further stated that he hoped to have the new employee start shortly after Labor Day.

Duck Pond Standpipe Painting Project Update

Workman stated that the Village had opened bids for painting the Duck Pond Standpipe earlier in the summer. The project includes painting the interior and exterior of the tank along with some minor welding repairs. Five bids were received for the project and the low bid, totaling \$321,000, was submitted by L.C. United Painting Company, Inc. There is \$312,000 budgeted for the project; however, Workman stated that the unbudgeted funds could be transferred from other construction accounts that will come in under budget. The project was awarded to L.C. United in June.

Tarrant/Shabbona Storm Sewer Project Update

Workman updated the committee on the status of the Tarrant/Shabbona Project. The plans are now complete and the agreement Bigfoot Country Club has been finalized. Workman stated that the project will be advertised for bid later this month for an anticipated September start.

Abbey Springs Water Main Update

Workman stated that he was still working with Village Atty. Thorpe on the easements that will be required to complete the Abbey Springs Water Main Project. In addition to the Abbey Springs easement, there will be at least one other property owner to negotiate with in order to complete the project.

General Construction Project Updates

Workman updated the committee on the status of the Stearns & Dewey Project. To date all work with the exception of the final restoration has been completed. This work has been postponed due to the drought conditions and is expected to be completed in the fall. Workman stated there was nothing further to report

Confirm Next Meeting Date

The next meeting was tentatively set for 9/29/2012 at 8 am.

Adjournment

Kennedy/McGreevy made a MOTION to adjourn at 0930. MOTION carried without a negative vote.

Minutes prepared by DPW Workman