

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee
Friday January 18, 2019 @ 3:00 PM

(OFFICIAL MINUTES)

Chairman John O'Neill called the public works committee meeting to order at 3:01 pm on Friday, January 18, 2019.

Members Present: Trustee O'Neill, Trustee Livingston, Russ Ceschi, Todd Reschke

Member Absent: Trustee McGreevy, Bruce Adreani, Mark Kennedy

Also Present: Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Ron Adams, Trustee Peterson

Visitors Heard

None

General Business

Approve Minutes for December 14, 2018

Trustee Livingston/Ceschi 2nd made a MOTION to approve the minutes for the December 14, 2018 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Lift Station Pump Replacement Recommendation

Day explained that one of the two pumps at the Mill Street lift station is not working and is unrepairable. Day replaced the pump, but would like to purchase a backup pump for any future issues. He received a quote from LW Allen for a replacement pump for \$11,129.66. There was discussion on using the equipment replacement fund for the expense.

Trustee Livingston/Ceschi 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to purchase a backup pump from L.W. Allen at a cost of \$11,129.66, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Mohr Road Seal Coat Recommendation

Day discussed the two options for the sealcoat material, one being a coal tar black sealer (most commonly used), and the other an eco-friendly sealer which is less effective.

The estimate for sealcoat is \$2,300.00 for either option. Day also discussed the two choices on the contract; one option is to wait until the project is complete and then pay out the project, the other option is to reduce the project amount by the cost of the sealcoat, closeout the project, and have the Village hire someone else to do the work.

Trustee Livingston/Reschke 2nd made a MOTION to recommend Village Board approval to use the coal tar black sealer, and to wait until the project is complete to close out the project, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Water Credit Invoice Request for Robert Wisbey at 908 Duck Pond

Mr. Wisbey appeared at the December Village Board meeting under Visitors Heard to ask for reprieve on his high water bill from the second quarter of 2018. Mr. Wisbey, whose water meter was tested once per PSC regulations and per Village ordinance, and a second time so Mr. Wisbey could witness

the test (which passed both times), and who has already filed a case with the PSC, was referred back to the PSC. The PSC contacted staff with an excerpt from the 2008 Tariff that was in effect during July, 2018 and encourages the utility to estimate for the water wasted due to a leak and bill at a reduced rate. In order to come up with a “reduced rate” staff averaged the past five second quarter water bills for 908 Duck Pond, which resulted in 4,000 gallons. Mr. Wisbey agreed to the calculation and to pay the entire portion of the sewer bill knowing the agreement would need to be passed by Public Works Committee and the Village Board. Between speaking with Mr. Wisbey and the public works meeting, staff members met to develop a reduced rate calculation which is required by the new PSC Tariff issued in December, 2018, and states, “the utility shall estimate the water wasted due to the leak and bill for this excess usage at a reduced rate not less than the utility’s cost,” however, it was determined through discussions with staff and the PSC that the utility only charges for the actual costs, and each utility customer is already billed at the lowest volumetric rate. Since the utility is already billing at the lowest volumetric rate, the committee voted to deny any water credit to Wisbey.

Trustee Livingston/Chairman O’Neill 2nd made a MOTION to recommend the Village Board deny a water credit for Robert Wisbey at 908 Duck Pond for the July, 2018 bill, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Water Leak Rate Adjustment Policy Direction

Discussion on this topic is under the heading Water Credit Invoice Request for Robert Wisbey at 908 Duck Pond. No action taken.

Street Light Replacement- Update

Day discussed the letter received from Stresscrete, about how they are going to give the Village 41 new poles for the street lights along Hwy 67, and also give the Village \$12,300.00 to help with the expenses relating to removal of the old poles and installation of the new ones. These are to replace the defective poles along Hwy 67 and on Fontana Boulevard. Day also discussed the warranties that come with the new poles for the Lake Street project which vary depending on the material. The concrete poles have a lifetime warranty, whereas the aluminum poles have a (3) year warranty. Day stated that he will have costs for the poles at the February Village Board meeting.

Set Next Meeting Date

The next meeting date was set for Friday, February 15, 2019 at 3:00 pm.

Adjournment

Trustee Livingston/Reschke 2nd made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 3:25 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by DPW/Kevin Day
Approved: 03/15/19