

**VILLAGE OF BEACH PARK
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
MINUTES
DECEMBER 11, 2017**

The Village of Beach Park held a Public Works Committee meeting on December 11, 2017 at the Milton C. Jensen Public Works Facility at 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: Mark Ottersen, Jon Kindseth, Gene Gross, Regina Miller, Don Jensen, Gina Nelson, Ben Metzler and Chris Bouchard.

GUEST: John Hucker, Mayor

TOPIC DISCUSSION

Public Comment: No Public Comment

Minutes Minutes from December meeting were discussed and approved with grammatical changes. Jon brought a quote to the committee regarding the purchase of a “v” plow for the Kubota for snow removal along the walking path on Sheridan Road and Beach Road as well as the walking path at Founders Park. Trustee Jensen did not agree with the snow removal along the path at Founders Park but was in favor for snow removal along the public thoroughfares. The cost to add the “v” plow to the Kubota is approximately \$5300.00. The cost for a new piece of equipment is in the \$30,000-dollar range but would provide additional services such as mowing and parking lot sweeping. All were in favor of purchasing the “v” plow for the Kubota and moving forward with snow removal along the walking paths on Sheridan Road, Beach Road and Founders Park, but wants to make sure we have the staffing available and that it would not take priority over any other snow removal. Committee will revisit the snow removal on the walking path at Founders Park after we see how things go.

Monthly Report from Public Works Discussion occurred regarding the Village putting a port-o-potty back at Founders Park now that it has been winterized. No other discussion occurred.

Engineering: Monthly Report from Engineering See Report. Discussion occurred and Chris explained to the committee that the walking path that was recently installed along Sheridan Road had some issues. The contractor will be back in the spring of 2018 to make the repairs pointed out. The Village will be speaking with the contractor to make sure the repairs are made to satisfaction. There was concern regarding the path on the West side of Sheridan Road being so close to the customers property line and people just driving right over it. The Village is going to install some temporary delineators to keep that from happening and when those customers come in the apply for a permit for their parking lot improvements, a curb or curb stop will be required in its place.

Old Business: Village SMC Re-Certification: Jon spoke with Zion and Winthrop Harbor about being a non-certified community and how that affected some major developments. Both communities replied with positive feedback

about being non-certified and did not have any issues with the recent development projects. Jon's recommendation is to not re-certify. He stated that he would like to try being non-certified, and that if we do not like how things are going, or want to become re-certified, that we can apply at any time and do so. He also stated that this would only be for big developments or subdivision, not single-family homes as do the City of Zion and Village of Winthrop Harbor.

Walking Path's
Snow Removal
IDOT Proposal at
40023 N. Green
Bay Road

See under Minutes from November

Jon presented a "counter" offer to their counter offer for the purchase of a small piece of property located at the old Public Works Facility as well as an easement along Green Bay Road for construction. Our first offer was to swap the property and cost for the easement if IDOT took fiscal responsibility to move the utilizes in their right of way during the project. IDOT rejected and we counter offered with a higher price due to our appraisal of the property being much higher then the one IDOT took the figures from. We are waiting to hear back from them.

New Business:
Resolution
Opposing Small
Cell Bill
Yield Sign
Request at
Warner &
Metropolitan

Jon passed out an Ordinance opposing the Small Cell Bill. These are not cellular towers, but small cylinder that are mounted on top of telephone poles or street light poles without permission from the municipality. The Ordinance is on the agenda for the next Board meeting and all committee members agreed to support.

The committee discussed the request for a stop sign, and agreed to have on installed on Metropolitan southbound at Warner.

Other Business:

There was discussion regarding the lighting of the intersection of Wadsworth Road and Green Bay Road. Jon stated that the only option for lighting now would be the existing pole that has the camera on it. He will research.

Trustee Miller asked how the right-of-way bond is released and I explained that if it is something from the public works department, once they call me to have it inspected, Gene inspects and I process the request to have it released. Trustee Miller also expressed concerns about the current plumbing inspector. Jon stated that he is retiring at the end of the month. Jon is already seeking a replacement.

Adjourn: 7:19 P.M.