

PUBLIC WORKS & HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

October 4th, 2022

Village Hall Board Room

CALL: Chairman Kaminski called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: In attendance were Chairman Kaminski, Trustee Members R. Miller, Hudson and Neureuther. Also present were Trustee Pieper, Director Ratayczak, Water Superintendent Haugen, Public Works Superintendent Anderson and Administrative Assistant Remich.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: MOTION Miller/Neureuther approved the Minutes from September 7th, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A: Opt Out Meter Installation Option Follow Up

Superintendent Haugen stated that Ms. Coakley's meter was read on Aug 11th and from the past billing history it looks as though the readings stopped in 2015. He reached out to the Public Service Commission as to what protocols are needed to set up an Opt-out program. This is not a once and done just for Ms. Coakley, this would open an Opt-out program for ALL utility customers. We would be required to open a Tariff Changes docket for their review and approval. We would also have to acquire a new meter vendor to accommodate a manual read meter as our current vendor does not offer one.

Discussion followed. Committee members agreed with Superintendent Haugen and do not think we should offer an opt out program. Trustee Kaminski also said that it's a system that's working, we are finally getting all these meters onboard and operating in an automated fashion and this is not the time to go backwards especially since there is no proof that there is any real problem with these meters medically or we would certainly know about it. Superintendent Haugen will have his Utility Billing Clerk contact Ms. Coakley to coordinate the replacement.

Kathleen Coakley spoke and said she thinks that we will eventually have to go with an opt out program like other municipalities. She said Trustee Kaminski you mentioned that if I had a letter from a doctor, it would change everything, and I brought a letter to share from a doctor named Samuel Milhem. Ms. Coakley read the letter aloud, which is attached. This is not Ms. Coakley's doctor that she goes to in person, she stated that she does not have a doctor and said that people do these things over the internet these days. Samuel Milhem is in Olympia, Washington State and is not her personal doctor.

MOTION Miller/Kaminski to recommend that we install the water meter at the location in question and not look at any other options at this time. Motion Unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS

A: ARPA Fall Tree Planting Project

Superintendent Anderson stated each year trees around the village are removed for various reasons. Prior to the 2022 GIS tree layer update, GIS showed that there were 550 "vacant" planting sites throughout the village since the update that number has risen to 957. As part of the ARPA discussions earlier this year, \$250,000.00 was allocated to help reduce the number of vacant planting sites within the village. The ARPA project will replace 550 trees, and as a comparison, only 61 trees were planted this spring as part of our annual planting project. Trees will again be planted along roadways, around village buildings and in the park system, but this project will focus on replanting in front of residential areas where street trees have been removed for various reasons. Staff has solicited pricing from area contractors and the results are listed below. This low bid will give us the opportunity to take the remaining money and couple that with our spring tree planting next year and really take a bite out of that remaining 400 or so trees that will be left.

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Discussion followed. Superintendent Anderson bid out 550 trees thinking that he would be using up all the available funds. Director Ratayczak stated that the committee could award this contract with an option for a change order to use up the remainder of the \$250,000 if they would be willing to lock in the same price next Spring. Superintendent Anderson doesn't want to miss out on this contract price so he will pursue a change order after tonight and bring it back to committee at a later date.

Property Solutions Contracting:	\$175,650.00
Crawford Tree & Landscape Services:	\$228,243.60
Century Landscape Company:	\$252,522.50

MOTION Hudson/Neureuther to recommend using Property Solutions Contracting to complete the 2022 ARPA fall tree planting project in an amount not to exceed: \$175,650.00 for approximately 550 trees. Motion Unanimous.

B: Maple Road Industrial Park “No Parking” Sign Removal Discussion

Superintendent Anderson stated that every street within the Maple Road industrial park, has signage stating, “no parking any time”. Historically, the signage was erected because Germantown High School students were parking on the streets nearby creating issues for the businesses in the area. Since then, the school district has added enough parking on their property that the issue essentially doesn't exist anymore.

Today, most of the “no parking” signage and posts are in severe disrepair. Several years ago, Highway Department staff replaced the signage and posts along what is considered the main throughfares of Maple Road, McCormick Drive and River Lane. The remaining side street signage was left alone due to budget constraints. Staff calculated an estimated cost of \$6,000.00 to replace the additional “no parking” signage in this area. The estimated expenditure sparked discussion between the Highway Department and Police Department who reviewed the situation and determined that most of the signs are no longer necessary. Staff would prefer to use the signage maintenance budget toward projects that bring more value within the community, however leaving these signs in their current state is also no longer an option.

Discussion followed. Superintendent Anderson recommends the removal of the signs marked in red on the map he provided. He wants to keep the no parking signs in the yellow area which are closest to the high school and those would get upgraded in this year's sign maintenance budget. The reason it's before you is because it's a regulatory sign and its removal would require a resolution which I've been working with the Clerk/Treasurer on and that resolution would go along with the Village Board packet if this committee choose to go this route.

MOTION Neureuther/Hudson to recommend the removal of all “no parking” signage in the Maple Road industrial park as outlined on the attached map marked in red. “No parking” signage would remain in place on the following streets: Maple Road, McCormick Drive and River Lane from Freistadt Road to Mequon Road, and Edison Drive, Clinton Drive, Carnegie Drive and Whitney Way East of Maple only. All other “no parking” signage shall be removed. Motion Unanimous. This must go to VB for a resolution.

C: Esquire Court No Parking Request

Superintendent Anderson stated that on behalf of the Esquire Estates homeowner's association, Trustee Pieper has made a request that a single “No Parking Between Driveways” sign be added to the South side of Esquire Court as outlined on the attached map.

The sidewalk for the neighborhood pool exits onto the roadway at Esquire Court. Neighborhood residents have concern over children leaving the pool, exiting onto the street, and not being seen by motorists due to cars periodically being parked near the sidewalk. The request for the no parking sign is intended to allow better visibility for motorists traveling in the area.

Below are two options in which staff would appreciate direction from the committee and a motion to approve as desired.

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Option #1: Erect a single “no parking between driveways” sign as indicated on the map.

Option #2 Erect a single "no parking between driveways" sign in conjunction with (2) W11-2 pedestrian warning signs as indicated on the map.

MOTION Hudson/Neureuther to recommend erecting a single "no parking between driveways" sign in conjunction with (2) W11-2 “pedestrian warning signs” as indicated on the supplied map. Motion Unanimous.

PROJECT UPDATES: None.

NEXT MEETING DATE: Next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 1st, 2022, at 6pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Chairman Kaminski adjourned the meeting at 6:25pm.

Deb Remich

Department of Public Works, Administrative Assistant

Kristina E. Frkovic

→ sent to attorney on account of the fact that
Kathy does not have an email or computer

From: Sam Milham <sam.milham@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 4, 2022 1:04 PM
To: Kristina E. Frkovic
Subject: transmitting water meter

My name is Samuel Milham. I'm a physician epidemiologist who has been working with the diseases caused by electricity. I have over 100 publications and have written a book called Dirty Electricity..
.Kathleen Coackly (birth date 7/12/ 1954, W 166 N10081 Sante Fe Court, Germantown WI 53022) has called me to let me know that her utility is planning to install a transmitting water meter at her residence. You should do your best to prevent this, since it will make her ill or worse. My phone is 360 8663569 in Olympia WA.
Best, Sam Milham MD