

## **IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE**

### **February 12, 2014**



Chairperson Tim Semo called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. In attendance: Trustees Fred Albertz, and John Swisher. Also in attendance: President Greg Schopp, Trustee Steven Wollin, Administrator Mark Johnsrud, Utilities Superintendent Peter Hartz, and Street Superintendent Lee Trumpf. Dale Theder was also in attendance.

#### **Statement of Public Notice**

This meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

#### **Approve Minutes of January 8, 2014**

An Albertz/Swisher motion carried unanimously to approve the minutes of January 8, 2014.

#### **Discussion & Recommendation – Winterizing Centennial Park**

An Albertz/Semo motion carried unanimously to refer to the April I & S meeting awaiting a report from Lee Trumpf.

#### **Discussion & Recommendation – Compost Site Study – MSA**

Fred Albertz indicated that a study of the compost site came out of the study of Conservancy Park a couple of years ago. After reviewing the MSA report it is obvious that Option 1- Use of Existing Site is the least cost alternative.

Tim Semo expressed concern about Option 1 as it does not address the issues of the Conservancy Park and the issues of viewing the compost site when entering the Village on County B from the West.

John Swisher asked the committee if this site is a priority in capital improvement budget. With Option 1 as the least cost it is hard to justify the additional expenses for the other options unless this is a priority.

Johnsrud provided brief review of the history of the Conservancy Park Study provided by Schreiber Anderson. Johnsrud said based on a discussion with Kevin Lord, the current compost site is DNR permitted to the standards at the time of the issuance of the permit and is grandfathered from more restrictive current permit requirements. A study of the water quality of Johnson Creek was not a part of this study in determination of any of the options provided. The existing compost site does have a vegetation buffer between the permitted boundary and Johnson Creek. Johnsrud said that Kevin Lord indicated that a stormwater plan could be presented for the site with ditching directed to a biofilter but any change may require a new permit with new requirements.

Peter Hartz stated that the force main to the Waste Water Treatment plant is located under the compost site. The WWTP facility study will be completed this year and may recommend replacement of this main.

An Albert/Swisher motion carried unanimously to recommend approval of Option 1 until more information can be provided by the Village Engineer – MSA.

John Swisher was excused at 5:50 p.m.

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### **Ordinance Repeal and Recreate – Section 210-9 Snow and Ice**

Fred Albertz questioned the need to change the ordinance to identify an abatement process and redefining the language of prohibited practices. The Village Police Department uses good judgment in the enforcement of the existing ordinance providing a person 48 hours to clear a sidewalk and not permitting any person to place snow back in the street. Albertz explained that he did not see a problem in allowing someone to plow snow across a street if the snow is cleaned up. Many businesses and property owners plow across a street without problems.

Johnsrud reviewed an e-mail received from the Village Attorney – Jim Hammes providing for possible language change as requested by the Village Board. Johnsrud communicated to the committee that this ordinance change was requested as direct legislation to the Village Board by Trustee Steve Wollin after a discussion with Dale Theder about the placement of snow in the right of way across from the Swap Street Apartments. Theder plowed the snow across the street into a couple small trees and Johnsrud had asked Theder to remove the snow to protect the trees citing Section 210-9 Snow and Ice ordinance.

Dale Theder was permitted to speak. Theder said that he plows several properties around the Village and does not see a problem with plowing across a street if the snow is cleaned up. Lee Trumpf said that allowing persons to plow across a street creates other problems including drifting of snow back on to the roadway. Albertz indicated the Village should deal with those occurrences rather than change the ordinance.

Steve Wollin indicated that Dale Theder plows snow for his personal residence and presented additional written changes to the ordinance. The committee did not address those changes.

An Albertz/Semo motion carried unanimously to deny Ordinance 03-14 Repeal and Recreate – Section 210-9 - Snow and Ice Removal

### **Adjourn**

A Semo/Albertz motion carried to adjourn at 6:30 p.m.

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Tim Semo, Chair  
Improvement & Services

Disclaimer: These minutes are uncorrected; any corrections made thereto will be so noted in the proceedings at which these minutes are approved.