

IMPROVEMENT & SERVICES COMMITTEE

June 5, 2013



Chairperson Tim Semo called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. In attendance: Trustees Fred Albertz and Tim Semo. Barry Hemphill was absent and excused. Also in attendance: Administrator Mark Johnsrud and Utilities Superintendent Peter Hartz.

Statement of public notice – This meeting was posted and noticed according to law.

Approve Minutes of Special Meeting April 22, 2013

An Albertz/Semo motion carried to approve the minutes of the special Improvement and Services Committee meeting on April 22, 2013.

Personal Appearances - None

Discussion & Recommendation – Emerald Ash Borer Policy

Administrator Johnsrud reviewed the Emerald Ash Borer Policy previously submitted to the Improvement and Services Committee. Staff recommendation is Option 3 to proactively remove 20% of all inventoried public ash trees within the Village on a yearly basis until the population of ash trees within the Village is reduced to 20% of total inventoried population. Trees shall be removed based on size, health and aesthetics. Mature or healthy trees will be maintained. Immature, damaged and poor canopy trees will be removed first. The total tree canopy will be maintained by not proactively removing more than 20% of the trees within a 300 foot radius including a single block face or public area including parks or other public lands at one time. Proactive removal must not destroy two trees which are growing side by side regardless of the distance apart. Replacement trees will be provided within one planting season.

An Albertz/Semo motion carried to recommend approval and implementation of Option 3 to the Village Board.

Discussion & Recommendation – DPW Mowing

Fred Albertz discussed the use of additional part-time employees to mow the Village. Administrator Johnsrud explained that the Village has hired two part-time employees to work in the DPW for the next 12 to 16 weeks. Mowing is very weather dependent which can cause the grass to grow quickly in the spring and early summer. DPW can get behind quickly if rain prevents the grass from getting mowed.

Tim Semo expressed concern over the additional cost of using private contractors to mow Village properties.

An Albertz/Semo motion carried to make no recommendation to the Village Board on changing Department of Public Works mowing.

Discussion & Recommendation – Water Utility Well Update

Pete Hartz reviewed the history of constructing Well 4 within Centennial Park. Well 4 was constructed to create additional water system capacity. Well 4 is currently permitted by the DNR to be capped until August 31, 2015. The DNR has indicated within the permit that Well 4 either must be placed into service or abandoned by this date. Pete Hartz indicated that Well 4 is a high capacity well which was intended to replace Well 3 but is high in radium. Johnsrud suggested that the Village perform test wells in Cattail Cove and the school owned property on County B prior to making a decision on Well 4. It is possible that another well site may contain radium free water which would reduce the cost of treatment.

An Albertz/Semo motion carried to refer the cost of drilling test wells to the 2014 Capital Budget.

Adjourn - An Albertz/Semo motion carried to adjourn at 6:32 p.m.

Tim Semo, Chair
Improvement & Services

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