

**Village of Holmen
Public Works Committee
February 2, 2012**

Committee Chairman Forde called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday February 2, 2012. Members present: Forde, Olson and Dunham. Also present: Village Administrator Scott Heinig and Director of Public Works, Dean Olson.

Motion by Dunham, seconded by Olson to approve the minutes of the January 5, 2012 meeting. Carried unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no public comments offered.

Director's Monthly Report

Sanitary Sewer Department

General update on WWTP performance. The roof over the sludge bed is completed and Doug has moved the sludge under the roof for now. The new WPDES permit was issued on the 18th and an additional requirement is thermal monitoring of the effluent. Thermal monitoring equipment was ordered on the 20th and implemented (\$452.00). The Sludge Spreading report was completed and filed with the DNR. We received a call from the police dept. on the 22nd regarding a floor drain backing up in a house on Viking Ave. I had Stan check the main to make sure we didn't have a problem there. Stan informed the homeowner that the mains were not backing up and advised them to not use water unless they really needed it until they could call a plumber.

Water Department

We are currently working on the PSC report information. We had a brown water complaint from a resident on Peterson Street. The fire dept. had flooded the hockey rink and the increased flow caused temporary discoloration, similar to hydrant flushing. The water pumping report was filed with the DNR on the 25th. I had a discussion with DHS regarding the new fluoride limits. The Feds have reduced the standard to 0.7 PPM, but an acceptable range needs to be established before the final publication is prepared. The dental benefits are reduced by 50% if the level falls to 0.6 PPM, so DHS is trying to fine tune the range to provide the benefit and also comply with the Federal limits.

Street Department

Snow clearing/sanding operations were done on 1/12, 1/13, 1/20, 1/23 and 1/24. In many cases, the roads were opened up for people to get home and the crews went out early the next morning to push everything to the curb line, without having to deal with the traffic. Olson pointed out piles located along Amy Dr. might need to be looked at sooner than normal because of businesses in the area. There have been no repair or install orders issued for Sidewalks this past month. The sidewalk located on S. Viking Ave. was discussed and will need to be looked at to see why the depression was constructed in the walk and if it conforms to our standard section.

Storm Water Department

We are continuing to pick up Christmas trees and other curb side brush during the first week of the month. Some Christmas trees are being picked up by the crew and stored by the shop until the chipper is used again. The drainage crossings on Viking and Cliffview are being watched to make sure water can flow across the roadway freely.

Miscellaneous

Director Olson asked for direction regarding the addition of the Hale Drive intersection to the Sunset Drive RFP. Committee member Olson thought it might be to our advantage to get a cost for a study at the Hale Drive intersection so the information would be available in case the need for improvements to the area may arise. The process to get a signal installed is lengthy and having the study in place may allow for the improvements to be implemented more quickly when they are needed.

Discussion Items

Director Olson presented cost information for the addition of a fuel tank to one of the Public Works trucks estimated to be \$400.00. This would allow the crew to haul fuel for the end loader and other equipment rather than driving the machine to the pumps. Dunham asked we look at the insurance liability of adding a fuel tank of this type and suggested we proceed if there is not a problem with the insurance.

Dick Berg has completed the design of the sanitary sewer and water extension for the Bluffview Court memory care facility. The sewer will be deep to eliminate the need for a lift station in the future and will take a little more time to construct. Director Olson plans to advertise the project for bids starting next week so a contractor can be hired. The utility construction will need to be completed by the end of May.

There are four streets listed for reconstruction this summer. Director Olson intends to finalize the plans for that work after getting the sanitary sewer video completed. This project will be put out for bids early in March. We will also be looking at some of the sidewalk construction projects to see if we can possibly add to the sidewalk in other areas of the community.

Action Items

Director Olson presented cost information for the televising of sanitary sewer mains in the area where street reconstructions are planned for this summer. Motion was made by Olson, seconded by Dunham to accept the proposal from Flow-Rite Pipe & Sewer Service at \$.55/LF. Motion carried unanimously. Motion was made by Olson, seconded by Dunham to recommend to the Village Board the payment of the invoice from Brickl Bros. for the sludge roof at the WWTP in the amount of \$53,801.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Adjourn

Motion made by Olson, seconded by Dunham to adjourn at 7:55 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean K. Olson
Director of Public Works