

**Village of Holmen  
Public Works Committee  
September 6, 2012**

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

Motion by Forde, seconded by Dunham to approve the minutes of the August 2, 2012 meeting. Carried unanimously.

**Public Comment**

No public comments.

**Director's Monthly Report**

**Sanitary Sewer Department**

General update on WWTP performance. MSA continues to work on the Facility Plan for the Treatment Plant. We recently had a conference call with the City of Onalaska regarding sharing space in their interceptor. The City of Onalaska feels the addition of Holmen to the La Crosse sewer utility will help disperse treatment costs over a larger area, helping to keep their overall costs down. The pumps at the Ponderosa lift station needed to be re-built. One pump was failing to maintain seal and the other pump showed similar tendencies when the first pump was removed. After the first pump was put back in service, the second was removed and upgraded and also put back in service. There are two manholes on State Street that appear to be settling. We are planning to excavate and put new tops on the manholes and re-set them to the road surface grade in the next couple of weeks.

**Water Department**

Staff has continued working on the required meter change-outs. We have set the fall hydrant flushing date for the week of October 9<sup>th</sup>. We ordered and received 10 chlorine cylinders at a cost of \$1,050.25 that are used in the wells to maintain the proper level of disinfection in the drinking water system. We dug up and repaired another curb stop – this time at 302 Morris Street.

**Street Department**

The County completed painting of the center line and bike lanes on Main Street. We need to look at adding the bike symbol to the bike lane and addition of directional arrows showing two-way travel within that lane. Crews finished painting crosswalks and curbs before Kornfest. The street patching was completed and Mathy has started with the 2012 Street reconstruction project. The sidewalk repair orders for 2003 Viking and 100 State Street will be addressed shortly. 100 State Street is currently finishing renovations to buildings and is planning to make modifications to the walk associated with those updates. The contractor will address the order when they come in to make those updates. The sidewalk at 2003 Viking will be completed in the next two weeks when the concrete contractor is doing work on the street project.

## Storm Water Department

Chipping in August went well because with the addition of the grapple attachment to the bobcat. Mowing of detention areas and lawns that are not in compliance continues.

## Miscellaneous

Sidewalks in Timberline and Lee Estates are being installed as directed. There are a few lots in Lee Estates that are yet to be completed and will be addressed when the deadline passes, if needed.

## Discussion Items

Director Olson provided an overview of the area along State Street where speed limits have been set. We have had a request to review the information to determine if the speed limits need to be lowered and/or if the location of the 25 MPH speed limit should be moved easterly. The consensus of the Committee was that the current configuration and speed limits are appropriate for the area, but suggested the police department be advised of the issue to assure the 25 MPH restriction is adhered to within the area posted for that speed.

At the last Committee meeting, Director Olson presented information regarding a Change Order to the contract for the Korish Site Demolition project. During that presentation, information specific to the situation was not provided to the Committee that would have significantly changed the position of Chairman Dunham regarding approval of the Change Order. Director Olson apologized to the Committee for not including this vital piece of information and assured the members he would do his best to avoid a situation like this from occurring again.

Director Olson presented an updated list of anticipated street projects for the 2013 construction season. Since the August meeting, staff has worked through the projected budget for 2013 and a listing of street projects that will fall within the budget was presented. This list of street projects also included some sidewalk connections within areas of the community that were defined in the Safe Routes to School program.

## Action Items

Recommend to Village Board – Seal Coat of Briggs Road- Director Olson presented cost information for the seal coating of Briggs Road. The Town of Holland has received a quote from La Crosse County to do crack filling, chip sealing and re-painting of Briggs Road from McHugh Street to the HWY 53 over-pass. Since this road is partially in the Town and portions in the Village, it seems appropriate to team on the project to update the entire roadway at one time. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to enter into an agreement with the Town at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.00 for the seal coat of Briggs Road – carried unanimously.

Recommend to Village Board – W. Legion Street Demolition contract - Director Olson presented bid results opened on September 5<sup>th</sup> for the rest of the demolition project. The low bid was submitted by Robinson Brothers Environmental from Waunakee, WI. Having little

background on the contractor, Director Olson contacted references and found the contractor to be a reputable and dependable firm. Additionally, a review of the company web site included a number of clients in Wisconsin and Iowa that supported the statements received by those references. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to recommend award of the contract for the W. Legion Street Demolition contract to Robinson Brothers Environmental for the lump sum amount of \$49,800.00 – carried unanimously.

**Adjourn**

Motion made by Olson, seconded by Forde to adjourn at 8:30 PM. Motion carried unanimously.

Dean K. Olson  
Director of Public Works