

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

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

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

Public Comment

Cheryl Knudtson appeared to express her concerns with the installation of sidewalk along the north side of Wall Street. This will pass very close to her house and she might lose her tree. She asked if we can deflect the sidewalk to miss the tree. The sidewalk construction is part of the overall sidewalk plan defined through the Safe Routes to Schools program and needs to be completed to provide a link from Main Street to the walk on 2nd Ave. E. to connect to schools, parks and other facilities in the area. Director Olson will take a closer look to see if there is something that can be done to save the tree at M. Knudtson's house.

Director's Monthly Report

Sanitary Sewer Department

General update on WWTP performance. MSA has asked the City of La Crosse if they would be able to receive the future flows the Village may generate and the City Public Works Board said this would be an option, based on working out contract details. Having learned this, the next step is to contact the City of Onalaska to inquire if they were interested in sharing space in the interceptor to convey the flows. We are waiting to hear back from that request. Some fields are available to receive sludge, so the process was started today to take care of some of the hauling now.

Water Department

The Stem valve on Well #6 stuck open and we were finally able to get it closed. Since then, we have not been able to get it to fail, but will monitor it to find where the problem is. We are scheduling meter changes required to be done after being in service for 20 years. During the first 16 days of July, we pumped 15,000,000 gallons more water than the same period in 2011, but the aquifer is stable. We have had to flush hydrants on the north edge of the community to clear discolored water out of the lines. We are still using well #4 when we have peak energy alerts from Riverland Energy. A curb stop was replaced at 200 State Street, but luckily was just a broken top section. This was repaired and the valve did not need to be replaced.

Street Department

The County completed the sealcoat of Main Street on the 10th and came back to sweep the excess on the 12th. We are currently working on getting crosswalks re-stripped and the County will have the centerline and bike lane stripes done. The sidewalk at 2003 Viking was discussed and the Committee wants the situation corrected.

Storm Water Department

Chipping in July went well because we used the forks on the bobcat to lift larger piles..
Mowing of detention areas and lawns that are not in compliance continues.

Miscellaneous

Letters were sent to developers and residents in Timberline and Lee Estates to remind them of the need to complete the sidewalk construction. The Korish Site Demolition project is under way and the building has been removed.

Discussion Items

Director Olson provided a schematic drawing of the limits the current ordinance has for vision triangles. There are a number of areas at intersections where visibility is an issue and this ordinance does not provide adequate coverage to improve that situation. Director Olson will bring back an alternative modification for consideration at the next meeting.

The 5 – year Capital Improvements Plan was reviewed for consideration of street projects for the next budget year. The plan had the Downtown Revitalization project items listed for 2013, but since the funding was not successful, this needs to get pushed back. The streets listed for 2014 will be moved up to 2013, but we need to look at the overall plan to determine the extent of construction so we can stay within the established budget. We also need to look at the sidewalks defined in the Safe Routes to School plan to continue working to complete those items as well.

Director Olson presented preliminary budget items for next year. In 2014, WisDOT will be reconstructing STH 35 from the north side of Onalaska to a point just south of the Hwy 53 interchange. There is a need to install water main in that area to serve existing Village residents as well as providing looping of our system. Other items included reconstruction of one of the alleys south of Village Hall, replacement of the Hale Lift Station and engineering fees for the Sand Lake Road project. After receiving input from the Committee, a more detailed budget will be prepared for the next meeting.

Action Items

Recommend to Village Board – Award of the 2012 Street Reconstruction contract - Director Olson presented information from the bid opening for the 2012 Street Reconstruction project. Mathy Construction Co. submitted the only bid, but it fell under the engineer's estimate and within the budgeted amount. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to recommend award of the contract for the 2012 Street Reconstruction project to Mathy Construction Co. for \$257,5531.25. Motion carried unanimously

Recommend to Village Board – Cross Connection Inspection contract - Director Olson presented a price quote received from Wisconsin Municipal Services from Delavan for this year's Cross Connection control program. This is the same firm that did the inspections for the Village in 2011 (formerly known as BZA). Motion by Forde, seconded by Olson to recommend approval of the contract with Wisconsin Municipal Services for \$14,850.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend to Village Board – Hydrant Painting Contract - Director Olson presented a quote from Ferguson for repainting hydrants in the Village. This is the same firm the Village has used in past years for this maintenance program. This was skipped last year, so the list of

27 hydrants originally scheduled for 2011 will be done this year. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to recommend approval of the contract with Ferguson for \$2,970.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend to Village Board –Street Patching contract – A number of pavement patches through the community are needed due to water main leaks and storm sewer repairs. A proposal from Mathy Construction was presented to repair those asphalt sections. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to recommend approval of the contract with Mathy Construction Company in the amount of \$5,965. Motion carried unanimously.

Recommend to Village Board – Change Order for Korish Site Demolition project. – Director Olson presented a request from Acme Excavating & Plumbing for additional costs to dispose of hazardous materials encountered at the demolition site. When the bid documents were prepared, there were items that we could not fully account for and unknown hazardous materials would be handled through change order if encountered. Motion by Olson, seconded by Forde to approve the change order in the amount of \$5,600, ruction project. Motion carried by a vote of 2 to 1.

Adjourn

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

Dean K. Olson
Director of Public Works