

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*August 22, 2011
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky
Jim Brey
Alex Olson

STAFF PRESENT

Val Mellon
Sonja Birr
Kevin Glaeser
Randy Junk
Mike Huck

OTHERS

Terry Fox, Attorney
Mike Check, 9140 Hilltop Rd
Dan Wergin, 100 Maritime Dr
Tim Kaiser, 4251 Last Ct
Dave-Ellie Waege, 1805 Markham
Jeffrey Check, 9140A Hilltop Rd
Robert Popp, 6008 CTY LS
Brandon Bartow, 32 Albert Dr

MEMBERS ABSENT

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Approval of the Minutes from 7/25/11

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2011 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion and possible action on sanitary lateral failure at 1805 Markham Street

D. Soeldner explained there was a lateral failure at this property. The owners incurred a large bill. He said that the house is located on corner of Markham and Menasha. The lateral has a bend in the front yard and ties into existing sewer line on an angle. Two sections of lateral pulled apart under the street and caused the backup.

V. Mellon explained that the lateral was installed in 1999. She presented the Committee with some photos from Building Inspection. There was nothing unusual in the inspection notes; however, the angle of the lateral wasn't normal.

J. Sladky said the owners had no part of the work that was done in 1999, and he has a difficult time with why the City isn't responsible for what material is being used under the street.

The Committee agreed that the angle in the lateral is very unusual and some of the failures are not the property owner's fault. Each one needs to be looked at individually.

J. Sladky would like to look over the Resolution with the City Engineer. He didn't like the connector that was used on this property.

The property owner said that the plumber, Bill Jindra, said that he felt the reason for the failure was because the improper fill material was used which caused the failure.

J. Brey made a motion to file claim with the City Clerk's office and recommending to Finance Committee for the City to pay \$3500 in cost of failure. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion. (D. Soeldner said that he will follow-up with property owners to file claim with the City.)

Discussion and possible action on re-ditching on Last Court

V. Mellon brought in a map to illustrate what the DNR has allowed the City to do. We cleaned out Country Lane ditch.

Mr. Tim Kaiser was present with photos of flooding of Last Court and he said the sump pumps are not able to keep up. The water is running over the curb.

The work would be done on private land. The Committee wants to find out if we can get on the property.

Mr. Kaiser said the outlet is the main concern; however, we need clarification from the DNR as to whether we can be on private property.

V. Mellon will have the answer at the next meeting.

Communication (10-064) from SMI requesting that Streets and Sanitation Committee take action on various issues relating to stormwater pond maintenance costs

M. Check would like for the City to make a decision on the Stormwater ponds and invited developers to the meeting to discuss their concerns. Mark Balaban said that he hasn't sold a lot in over a year and needed to give up 2 lots for the stormwater pond.

Robert Popp also gave up 3 lots and \$80,000 to build his pond, plus he is paying taxes toward the other ponds.

Atty Terry Fox said he would like to come up with a solution to encourage developers. We want the community to grow.

Brandon Bartow said that there has been a loss of Revenue. He built 3 ponds in which the specifications and details derived from the City. He doesn't understand why the City wouldn't take these ponds over. He said that he has water coming in from other area than the subdivision.

D. Soeldner reminded the homebuilders and developers that the Committee has been in discussions for a long time. The general consensus is for the City to take over the ponds; however, the one dispute is over the cost. We could never agree to the numbers.

M. Check asked why the developer's ponds should be different than the ponds built by the City.

Dan Wergin and Jeffrey Check also said that the economic impact is affecting them.

D. Soeldner recommends negotiations with both sides. We will need to agree on a formula for future and existing ponds or the Council will not approve. The developers will meet first then will meet with entire group (D. Soeldner, G. Minikel, J. Sladky, A. Olson).

Mike Check will call Greg to set something up.

Discussion and possible action on callbacks of five laid off DPW employees

R. Junk said that he created a rating system to determine the callback of employees to be fair.

Discussion and possible action on adding into the Ordinance a clause for alleys and how we assess them

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and possible action on assessment letter notification to property owners for 2012 Capital projects

Tabled until next meeting.

Discussion and possible action on outsourcing and possible requests for proposal regarding DPW/Parks operations and Discussion and possible action regarding the work that has been deferred since the DPW layoffs

R. Junk was present to discuss a 3 year comparison (2009-2011), which showed a drop in 2011 due to layoffs. There was no crackfilling done this year. R. Junk distributed reports for 2010-2011 agenda of work completed, priority and left for future.

The Committee discussed outsourcing and asked what tasks could be contracted. J. Sladky suggested line painting, crack sealing, and weed complaints. R. Junk said that in downtime, this is when some of the tasks were completed. J. Brey said that it will still cost money to contract out.

D. Soeldner requested that recommendations be brought back to the next meeting for discussion.

V. Mellon informed the Committee that she has been in contact with other cities and discussed many variables. Each laborer maintains about 10 miles of street, which means we don't have extra employees.

Discussion and possible action on street sweeper ride-along and possible action on street sweeper job duties

D. Soeldner said he was impressed with the skill and operation of the street sweeper. J. Brey and J. Sladky both agreed with Dave. He said that the drivers were quite informative and didn't have any problem writing down license plate numbers and the Committee that rode along was quite impressed on how well you could see the plates. The drivers did not need to dismount from the sweeper as Dave said he was previously informed.

D. Soeldner questioned the honesty of the previous discussions and wanted to know why the Committee was told certain things that didn't pertain to be true on their ride-along.

R. Junk explained that when the operators were documenting the information, it required more than the plate number. It required the make model, street location, house address, etc. This information was incorrectly documented and all the tickets had to be dismissed. The specifics and requirements were different. M. Huck also said that his analysis was from previously allowing the sweepers to document the information. The Managers expressed to the Committee that they are trying to work with them and did not deliberately lie to them.

Further discussion will take place at another meeting.

J. Sladky made a motion to adjourn at 8:36 p.m.

A. Olson seconded the motion



Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer