

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

*March 18, 2013
6:30 p.m.*

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jim Brey
Jason Sladky
Allan Schema
Tyler Martell

STAFF PRESENT

Greg Minikel

OTHERS

Jill Hennessey
Tony Burgarino

MEMBERS ABSENT

Announcement that meeting is being taped and audio tape will be available to the public on City's website

D. Soeldner made an announcement that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the City website.

Discussion and possible approval of minutes of previous Streets Committee meeting (February 25, 2013)

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 25, 2013 meeting. A. Schema seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion and possible action on the 2012 NEWSC Annual Report

G. Minikel said that he wanted to inform the Committee that this report existed and was for their information. The NEWSC annual report is included in the City's annual MS4 report to the DNR by reference. This report also highlights all of the benefits that we receive by being a member of this networking group.

Discussion and possible action on the 2012 DNR MS4 Annual Report

D. Soeldner said that he already signed the Council documents for the approval of the annual report as it was the same or very similar to last year's report.

G. Minikel said that he wanted to allow the Committee the chance to discuss this report before it was brought to Council.

Discussion and possible action on the Safe Routes to School Project for N. 8th Street and Michigan Ave

D. Soeldner stated that the Committee has discussed the placement of sidewalks as part of the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) project for N. 8th Street and Michigan Ave. several times at past meetings. Therefore, the Committee wanted to keep the discussion short. Per the Committee's request, G. Minikel e-mailed a summary of the anticipated project costs to the Committee last week.

G. Minikel said that there was money in the 2013 budget for the proposed land acquisition and design engineering. He stated that we were also planning to request funds to be carried forward from the 2012 Capital projects, but even with that we are still looking at approximately \$150,000 in new bonded money for the 2014 budget in order to move forward with the project.

J. Sladky asked how much it will cost the City to walk away from the project. G. Minikel said that approximately \$8,000 has been incurred from our design consultant, Strand Associates. Per our signed agreement with the DOT, we will also have to pay for any costs incurred by the DOT and/or the DOT's Local Program Management Consultant, SEH. D. Soeldner said that it would be safe to say that the total amount of monies would likely not exceed \$15,000.

J. Sladky made a motion to turn down the Safe Routes to School grants. T. Martell seconded the motion.

J. Sladky regrets that we are unable to move forward with the project at this time. It is going to cost the City far too much to justify putting in this sidewalk at this time.

J. Brey said that he would support if the N. 8th Street sidewalk and bridge project could be broken down.

T. Martell doesn't think borrowing \$150,000 at this time would be a good step.

D. Soeldner said that we would need to acquire strips of private property from 3 property owners north of Albert Drive in order to build the sidewalk. It would also be hard to justify the additional \$150,000 expense for the bridge deck modifications (new barrier wall and railing) to accommodate the sidewalk link over the bridge.

Allen Schema said that he supports this project as he feels this is the link that will connect Woodridge with the City.

The Committee realizes that this connection would benefit the subdivision; however, there are several other streets that need to be repaired.

Motion carried (Ayes 4; nay 1 (A. Schema)).

G. Minikel stated that the Council entered into the SRTS agreement with the DOT and therefore we will need to have the Council rescind the agreement to make it official. D. Soeldner requested G. Minikel to get the necessary documents to the Clerk for the next Council meeting.

*Allan Schema made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m.
J. Sladky seconded the motion.*

Greg Minikel, P.E.
Interim Director of Public Infrastructure