

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK HELD ON MONDAY, JUNE 11, 2018 AT THE VILLAGE HALL, 835 MIDWAY DRIVE, IN THE VILLAGE OF WILLOWBROOK, DUPAGE COUNTY, ILLINOIS

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Paul Oggerino called the meeting to order at 5:33 PM.

2. ROLL CALL

Those present at roll call were Chairman Paul Oggerino, and Village Administrator Tim Halik. Absent: Trustee Terrence Kelly.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a) After review of the draft minutes from the May 14, 2018 regular meeting of the Municipal Services Committee, Chairman Paul Oggerino made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Motion Carried

4. DISCUSSION – Organic/Natural Turf Care Program for the 2018/19 Lawn Care Season – Pure Prairie Organics

Administrator Halik reminded the Committee that in 2015 staff received concerns from a Village resident regarding the use of chemical herbicides, pesticides, and fertilizers within park properties. The resident lives adjacent to one of the Village parks and felt the frequencies of treatments were excessive resulting in overuse of the chemicals which can cause a health risk. He was invited to share the information that he referenced as part of a larger discussion on the issue at the May 11, 2015 regular meeting of the Municipal Services Committee. At that meeting, he shared relevant information on the topic and raised concerns including proper conditions for applications, frequency of applications, the propensity for lawn care companies to oversell their programs for profit, and the health risks to children and pets being exposed to lawn care chemicals. Although the Village had already entered into a contract with a lawn care provider at that time, the Committee directed staff to research this subject further and make recommendations to both the Municipal Services Committee and Park & Recreation Commission pertaining to more environmentally friendly methods to properly maintain turf areas in parks and Village rights-of-way in the future. Prior Administrative Intern Tiffany Kolodziej was assigned the task of researching this topic further. Her research led to the consideration of organic lawn care treatment options and meetings with several vendors that provide such treatments. On April 25, 2016, the Village Board accepted a proposal from Pure Prairie Organics, Joliet, to conduct both an organic based blended and an organic/natural turf care program for 2016. At the time the proposal was accepted, it was understood that the transition from a chemical-based program to an organic/blended type turf care program would likely extend past a single season. On December 6, 2016, after the completion of the first transition season, the Parks & Recreation Commission again discussed the program. It was noted at that time that no negative comments were received in reference to the results, and that there was no discernable difference between the chemically treated areas and the organically treated areas. Therefore, the recommendation was to continue the organic based turf care program for an additional season, and the results will continue to be monitored. Halik

advised that the vendor, Pure Prairie Organics, subsequently provided a proposal for the FY 2017/18 season for the amount of \$19,074, which represented no cost increase from previous season. The contract was awarded by the Village Board on May 8, 2017. Halik shared that this year's contract was submitted late in the season, but Pure Prairie Organics did submit a proposal for services in FY 2018/19 for the cost of \$19,074, which for the second year represents no price increase from the previous year. Chairman Oggerino suggested that given the contractor will likely not be able to start until July 1st at the earliest, the cost should be pro-rated to delete the costs of the specific services which were to be provided in May and June. Halik agreed and indicated that he would ask to vendor to resubmit a pro-rated contract for the Board's consideration.

5. DISCUSSION – Small Wireless Facilities Deployment Act

Administrator Halik advised the Committee that as the personal wireless industry continues to strive to satisfy consumer demands for improved reliability and faster speeds, there is now a need for wireless carriers to install additional small cell antenna systems in order to obtain the bandwidth required to achieve the advertised 5G service capability. These small cell antennas are designed to serve only a portion of the area served by the original marocell sites, such as the ones on water towers and tall buildings. As a result, more antennas are needed. While communities understand the consumer need for faster service and reliability, these small cell antenna sites can be unsightly, can negatively affect the character of a neighborhood which can negatively affect property values, and in some cases, pose a threat to public safety. These small cell antennas, and associated operational equipment, can be mounted on existing utility poles or municipal owned streetlights and other facilities, and can range in height. The industry began meeting with state elected officials in early 2017 with the hopes of passing legislation which would pre-empt local authority to authorize the placement of the devices. At that time, local Mayors and various councils of government joined forced to oppose any legislation which would “give away” municipal authority of local rights-of-way and our ability to properly regulate these antenna devices. The Illinois Municipal League began meeting with industry representatives along with several state elected officials in an effort to strike a compromise, but in the end, municipal concerns largely fell on deaf ears and the legislation, SB-1451, was ultimately passed by the Illinois General Assembly. At that point we re-focused our opposition efforts and attempted to work with the Governor's Office to request his consideration of an amendatory veto. Although the Governor's Office initially seemed to indicate their willingness to address our concerns through an AV process, in the end the Governor signed the bill into law without changes on April 12, 2018. The new law, Public Act 100-0585 – “The Small Cell Wireless Facilities Deployment Act,” went into effect on June 1, 2018 and severely limits municipal authority to regulate small wireless facilities. It provides a 60-day period, on or before August 1, 2018, for the Village to adopt application fees consistent with the Act. Halik advised that there were two documents included in the packet for further reference: A report dated May 31, 2018 from Attorney Matthew Holmes, Storino, Ramello & Durkin, consisting of six sheets in addition to a full copy of the Act, and a memorandum dated June 1, 2018 from Brad Cole, Executive Director of the Illinois Municipal League consisting of two sheets in addition to various reference documentation. Halik advised that Attorney Matthew Holmes from Storino, Ramello & Durkin is currently working on a draft ordinance for Willowbrook's adoption. This ordinance will need to be reviewed and adopted at either the June 25, July 9, or July 23 Village Board meeting.

6. REPORTS – Municipal Services Department

- a. Administrator Halik reviewed the monthly permit activity report for the month of May 2018. Halik advised that the Village received about \$53,000 in permit revenue for the month. Halik advised that for the first month in fiscal year 2018/19, the department has brought in a total of approximately 21% of the budgeted revenue.
- b. Administrator Halik shared the water system pumpage report for April 2018. The reports indicate that the Village pumped 24,583,000 gallons of water in the month. The total amount of water pumped in the 2017/18 fiscal year ended up being about .76% below the amount of water pumped last fiscal year. In total, 341,182,000 gallons were pumped, as compared to the anticipated pumpage of 350,000,000 gallons.

7. VISITOR'S BUSINESS

(None)

8. COMMUNICATIONS

- a) Administrator Halik provided the committee an update on the progress of the Lane Court bridge steel re-coating project. Halik advised that the contractor had requested that the Village temporarily block the flow of the 63rd Street ditch to enable crews to work underneath the bridge to complete the blasting and re-coating. Halik advised that we obviously could not block the flow of the creek but did agree to install a series of corrugated metal culverts within the creek bed and cover them with stone so as to provide a flat surface that painting crews could work upon. This was acceptable to the vendor. The work was scheduled to be completed by the public works department.
- b) Halik shared a letter received from the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency advising that our latest audit inspection of the Village water system which occurred on March 27, 2018 had passed. Halik noted that there were several very minor items identified by the IEPA inspector during the inspection that were rectified within the 30-day correction period provided. Therefore, absent any interim problems, the next scheduled audit inspection of the water system should occur in 2022.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn was made by Chairman Oggerino. The meeting was adjourned at 6:06 PM.

(Minutes transcribed by: Tim Halik, 7/3/18)