

**VILLAGE OF LIBERTYVILLE
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
STREETS COMMITTEE**

February 23, 2016

7:00 pm

Village Hall

Agenda

Present: Trustee Donna Johnson, Trustee Scott Adams, Trustee Pete Garrity, Mayor Terry Wepler, Village Administrator Kevin Bowens, Director of Public Works Paul Kendzior, Police Chief Clint Herdegen, Assistant to the Director Laura Ditanto, Fire Chief Rich Carani, Deputy Village Administrator Kelly Amidei, Finance Director Pat Wesolowski

Absent: None

Call to Order at 7:05 pm

Minutes of Tuesday, January 26, 2016 Streets Committee Meeting

The minutes were approved as written.

2016 Road Program Updates

Pavement Rehabilitation Project: The bids were opened on February 4th, 2016. The contract award is on tonight's Village Board agenda for approval. Staff is recommending awarding the contract Alamp Concrete Contractors for an amount not to exceed \$3,585,771.11. Alamp is using Peter Baker & Sons Co as their asphalt contractor.

FAU Resurfacing Project (Fourth/Greentree/Red Top): The project has received Phase 1 approval from IDOT. The finals plans were submitted to IDOT in late January. The project is scheduled for the April 22nd IDOT bid letting. Construction for this project will be 80% Federal and 20% Village funded.

2017 Pavement Rehabilitation Program Update

The list of streets for the 2017 Pavement Rehabilitation Program was approved at the January 26, 2016 Streets Committee Meeting. The engineering services contract with Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Ltd. is on tonight's Board meeting agenda for approval.

Flashing Pedestrian Crossing & School Zone Establishment (Rte 176 & Dymond)

The Village submitted the formal Permit materials to the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) on February 2nd. The submittal included a cover letter, engineering drawings and a description of the proposed work. The IDOT Permit review process can typically take between 60-90 days before either approval is granted or written review comments are provided. The Village has IDOT District I approval for this project.

Sidewalk Snow Removal Update

Following the January Streets Committee meeting, Community Development staff sent out 14 letters to residents/businesses along Park Avenue requesting that they clear snow from the sidewalks and not obstruct the sidewalks per Municipal Code Section 21-3.

The Village Administrator has also contacted the High School staff to remind them of their sidewalk snow removal obligations along the north side of Illinois Route 176 (Park Avenue) between the new Brainerd Ave. parking lot and the school. The high school indicated that they will comply with clearing snow from the sidewalks. The high school was on winter break when the slushy, heavy snowstorm occurred when the snow froze on the sidewalks and that is why they did not clear the sidewalks at that time.

Public Works Staff also added a section to their Snow & Ice Control Operations webpage encouraging residents to clear the sidewalks adjacent to their home and mentioning the Illinois Compiled Statutes Snow & Ice Removal Act that notes a person clearing the snow is exempt from liability except when acts amount to a clear wrongdoing.

A previous survey (February 2014) conducted by the Northwest Municipal Conference inquiring on member communities' fronting property owner sidewalk snow removal requirements along with some additional survey information was presented to the Committee. Ten of the communities have an Ordinance requiring snow removal from sidewalks. The responses varied as to whether the Ordinance is enforced. Some communities have not issued a ticket to date and a few have fines if a ticket is issued. Director Kendzior stated that Staff will continue to contact property owners near schools and busy intersections to remove the snow from sidewalks and to not pile up on sidewalks at intersections. Staff will continue to enforce the locations where snow gets piled up with snow by the Police and Code Enforcement.

Trustee Garrity requested staff contact Libertyville High School, Carmel High School and the local Boy Scouts to assist with sidewalk snow removal for the elderly and disable people. Ms. Ditanto will contact the high schools and the Boy Scouts.

Sunnyside Avenue Traffic Concerns Update

Chief Herdegen has been in contact with resident Mr. Eric Frank after he expressed concerns about an apparent ongoing vehicle speeding problem, as well as concerns that he and his neighbors have with local car dealerships using Sunnyside Avenue as a "cut through" route when providing test drives of their vehicles. Mr. Frank helped the Village narrow down specific time frames for extra speed enforcement details. Since discussing the matter with Mr. Frank extra speed enforcement has been conducted on Sunnyside Avenue during the times Mr. Frank recommended. The statistics are not available as of this writing, but sufficient data should be available by next month. In addition, a letter was sent to every auto dealership in the Village, asking for their cooperation with using an alternate route to Sunnyside Avenue for test drives. Director Kendzior contacted IDOT about adjusting the timing of the signals at 176 & 21. IDOT has allocated an additional 3 seconds for the eastbound left turn movement from Route 176 to Milwaukee Avenue for the morning rush period. The storage bay for the westbound left turn lane on Route 176 at Milwaukee Avenue will be extended by approximately 50-feet.

Update for Electronic Vehicle Speed Display Sign

As mentioned at a previous meeting, the Police Department received an anonymous donation from a resident to cover the cost of a set of semi-permanent (portable) flashing speed signs. During discussions with the Streets Committee, staff recommended utilizing these funds to purchase the signs and use them at select locations throughout the Village. The locations will be determined by the Police and Public Works Departments to help increase awareness and education of speeding motorists in the area.

Staff has researched available equipment from several vendors and decided upon one product that is best suited for our needs here in Libertyville. The signs have been ordered, delivery is expected in 10-14 days. A webinar is being scheduled in the near future, where the vendor will train personnel from each department on how to remotely program the equipment, as well as produce management reports from the data collected. We anticipate these signs will be installed within 30-45 days after we receive them. Staff will “pilot” the program on Sunnyside Avenue.

School Street at Milwaukee Avenue Update

As mentioned at a previous meeting, the Public Works Department installed new signage on School Street (just east of Milwaukee Avenue), which reduces the time vehicles are allowed to be parked in certain spaces down to 15 minutes and prohibits stopping or dropping off of passengers in the roadway. Since the signs have been posted, the Police Department has been monitoring the location for violations. Police Department staff also visited the Dance Studio and Starbucks Coffee to meet with management there and educate them about the new signs and expectations of their patrons. Each business advised us that they would work to educate their respective patrons about the new signage and gain their cooperation when dropping off/picking up passengers. To date, no citations have been issued, but Police Officers are noting violations and educating drivers about the new prohibitions there. Officers are also monitoring the segment of School Street that is signed as “one way” for violations of that regulation. Their presence at this location has helped to improve the situation and we will continue to monitor for violations moving forward. Police will give a warning ticket for the first violation and give a fine thereafter.

Trustee Adams requested that if this problem persists, can we mark the pavement that there is no stopping or dropping off allowed.

Pedestrian Crossing over Milwaukee for Metra

Mayor Wepler requested that flashing signal signs be put at this location. The Mayor stated that he has received several phone calls about crossing Milwaukee Avenue at this intersection. Director Kendzior stated that this would involve the ICC, FHA and IDOT to approve this sign. Mayor Wepler stated that he want to exhaust all options at this intersection.

Adjournment at 7:30 pm

Respectfully Submitted,
Laura Ditanto,
Assistant to the Director