

VILLAGE OF FRANKFORT
DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
September 12, 2008

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Dick Trevarthan called the Departmental Operations Committee meeting to order at 6:37 a.m. on Friday, September 12, 2008, at the Village Administration Building, 432 W. Nebraska Street.

ROLL CALL

Committee members present included Mayor Jim Holland, Chairman Dick Trevarthan, Trustee Cindy Heath, Trustee Doug Walker, Don Sues and Keith Ogle. Others in attendance were Trustee Todd Morgan and Mike Stevens, Asst. Village Administrator Howard Sloan, Chief of Police Rob Piscia, Commander John Burica, Planner Zach Brown, Supt. of Wastewater Mark McCluskey, Bruce Patterson, and Tom Ruane and Bernie Mohan from Ruane Construction.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES (August 13, 2008)

Chairman Trevarthan made a motion (#1), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2008, as presented. The motion was unanimously approved.

RUANE REQUEST: RECAPTURE FOR EAST POINTE BUSINESS PARK SANITARY SEWER OVER-SIZING

Howard Sloan gave a presentation concerning the Ruane Construction request to be compensated for the over-sizing of the sanitary sewer for East Point Business Park.

Discussion centered upon the agreement of Mark Ruane to relocate his truck storage from his property onto a lot in East Pointe Business Park.

Mark Ruane was present and represented that he would agree to relocate 90 percent of his trucks and equipment from his residence to East Pointe Business Park, if the Village was willing to make a cash payment for the over-sizing of the sanitary sewer.

Mr. Ruane stated the industrial park's storm management system and landscaping is to be completed this fall.

Mayor Holland made a motion (#2), seconded by Trustee Heath, to approve cash payment for the recapture for the East Pointe Business Park, conditioned upon the relocation of Mr. Ruane's truck equipment from his residence to the East Pointe Business Park.

During discussion, staff was directed to draft an agreement and have it signed by Mark Ruane addressing resident concerns to his property. The signed agreement is to be brought to the Village at the time of bill payment to Ruane for approval.

Hearing no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

PRESTWICK BIKE TRAIL: ABERDEEN ROAD CONNECTION UPDATE

Howard Sloan reported that the Aberdeen Road bike path connection requires pipeline and ComEd property easements. The pipeline company indicated it would not allow a parallel easement but would allow perpendicular connection. This requirement limits the Village's option of going with ComEd. ComEd indicated that yes, they would be willing to grant easements but would require full engineering to determine impacts and fees associated with an easement.

Discussion by the Committee indicated that it may take up to two years to get approvals and proposals. The Committee commented this is the same timeframe as what is proposed by Cook County, which would provide a link to the Old Plank Road Trail.

The consensus of the Committee is that the cost and time involved with a connection from Aberdeen Road are prohibitive. Hearing no further discussion, no further action was taken on this item.

TRAFFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE: ADDITIONAL SPEED LIMIT SIGN APPROVAL

Howard Sloan gave an update to the Committee regarding the recommendations of the Traffic Advisory Committee (TAC) for the posting of additional traffic control signage on Pine Ridge Drive in the Lakeview Estates subdivision. The TAC recommended the posting of additional 25 mph speed limit signs on both the north and south side of Pine Ridge Drive west of Parkview Lane, and installation of "Speed Limit Strictly Enforced" and "Caution: Children at Play" signage to alert motorists to reduce speed.

Trustee Morgan made a motion (#3), seconded by Trustee Stevens, to install additional speed limit control signs along with "Strictly Enforced" and "Children at Play" signage. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

This additional traffic control signage does not require Village Board action for an amendment to the Municipal Traffic Code.

U.S. ROUTE 45 SIDEWALKS: BID APPROVAL

Howard Sloan stated that three bids were received for the installation of a new concrete sidewalk on the east side of U.S. Route 45 from Colorado Avenue to St. Francis Road. The three bids were submitted by Ruane Construction (\$130,669.50), Davis Concrete Construction Company (\$143,275.00) and J & J Newell Concrete Contractors, Inc. (\$186,266.00). It was staff's recommendation to award the contract to the low bidder, Ruane Construction.

Trustee Walker made a motion (#4), seconded by Mike Stevens, to accept the bids and award a contract to Ruane Construction in an amount of \$130,669.50 for the concrete sidewalk project. Hearing no further discussion, the motion was unanimously approved.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

A. Public Works Garage: Building Addition & Site Improvements Bid Summary

Howard Sloan summarized the bids that were received for the Public Works garage addition and site work. He indicated that the combined bids for the addition and site work exceeded the amount budgeted for the projects. Mr. Sloan further noted that other options are being examined for Public Works operations. These options include looking into purchasing a site in the Industrial Park site and constructing a building.

The discussion of the Committee was for staff to investigate the possibility of purchasing additional property adjoining the Public Works garage. They also suggested that staff examine places to rent for temporary storage of fleet vehicles.

It was the consensus of the Committee to reject all bids at this time and investigate other options.

UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

A. Department Update

Mark McCluskey reported that the U.S. Route 30 water main replacement project is completed at Locust and Elm Streets. He indicated the only work left was the restoration of the landscaping.

OTHER BUSINESS

A. Intergovernmental Agreement: Frankfort Park District Main Park

Howard Sloan presented the Main Park Intergovernmental Agreement prepared by the Frankfort Park District, as well as the exhibits submitted showing land being conveyed to the Village. It was noted that the land transfer was 50 percent less from what was originally discussed.

The Committee noted that original negotiations called for 3+ acres of property to be deeded to the Village, and for the Frankfort Park District now to come back and reduce the amount of property was not appropriate.

Members of the Committee expressed their disappointment over the Park District's proposal.

It was the consensus of the Committee that ownership of the property is essential for the Village to make the investment to the property. Easements are not acceptable. The Committee members directed staff to bring the project back for discussion when the document and exhibits reflect the agreement previously made with the Park District.

It was also discussed that no payment would be made to the Park District in advance, prior to receipt of the deed to the property by the Village of Frankfort.

ADJOURNMENT

Hearing no further business, Chairman Trevarthan made a motion (#5), seconded by Trustee Heath, to adjourn the Departmental Operations Committee meeting at 8:07 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

Recorded by: Howard Sloan (via tape)

Transcribed by: Debbie Cox