

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Wednesday, December 7, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m.

**Members Present**

Mayor Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Jon Monson, Teresa Pendleton, John Menzel, Jeff Kask and City Administrator Dana Young

**Request to Remove Street Light Pole at 20570 Park Place**

Patrick Regan was present to represent David Tucker on Mr. Tucker's request to remove an existing power pole/street light at 20570 Park Place to enable the installation of an underground line.

Dana Young stated that at the end of last month's discussion on this issue, the Public Works Committee had requested that staff look into two outstanding issues:

- Whether there might be as good as or better location than the current location of the street light
- The potential costs of purchasing downcast lighting at this location, similar to the lighting used at Gray's Bay bridge

In regards to the latter issue, he stated that Teresa Pendleton had talked to the City of Minnetonka and it had been determined that the lights on Gray's Bay bridge had been installed by Kilmer Electric at a cost of \$1,600 each. He stated that Teresa had also obtained the model number of that particular street light.

Paul Skrede suggested that the old street light could be removed in favor of installing a new light pole, with the same design as the lights on the Gray's Bay bridge, across the street at Donkey Park with the entire cost paid by Mr. Tucker.

Further discussion was held on determining the approximate location of the new street light at Donkey Park and on potential electrical contractors for Mr. Tucker's consideration.

**Snow Storage at Chowen's Corner Parking Lot**

Dana Young stated that he had received a request from Kathe Murphy, a Woodland resident on Robinson's Bay Road, for the City to consider alternative locations for the snow pile at Robinson's Bay Beach. He stated that a majority of the snow at Robinson's Bay Beach is from the Chowen's Corner parking lot that is trucked to this location. He stated that one potential location for this snow would be to simply store the snow in the corner of the parking lot.

John Menzel stated that he would support storing snow from the parking lot along the west side of the lot unless the storage of snow became too large in which case the crew would have to truck the snow to Robinson's Bay Beach.

It was the consensus of the Committee to accommodate the storage of snow from the parking lot on the west side of the lot as an alternative to trucking the snow to Robinson's Bay Beach to the extent feasible until such time as the storage pile becomes too great.

### **Other**

John Menzel and Jeff Kask provided a brief summary of the crew's plowing efforts during the first snowfall of the season.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned on a motion by Dana Young, seconded by Teresa Pendleton. Motion carried 6-0.

### **Vine Hill & Hwy 7 Intersection Improvement Plan**

Police Chief Johnson gave a brief summary of his meeting with Minnetonka City Engineer Lee Gustafson, MNDOT representatives April Crockett and John Griffith, and Gustavus student Caroline Draayer on the Vine Hill / Hwy 7 intersection. He stated that all parties recognized that there are significant issues at this intersection and discussed the possibility of entering into a Cooperative Agreement between Deephaven, Shorewood and Minnetonka in order to access state grant funds for trunk highway improvements. He stated that the state provides \$5 million in grant funding each year for such Cooperative Agreements projects. He stated that further discussion was held on the possibility of delaying the traffic light improvement project scheduled for 2012 until further discussion could be held with each of the three cities on the possibility of entering into a Cooperative Agreement.

He stated that he also learned of an apparent opportunity to upgrade this intersection in 1999 when the City of Minnetonka spearheaded a cooperative effort with the City of Deephaven. He stated that, for some unknown reason, the City of Deephaven declined the opportunity to participate in the cooperative effort but guessed that it might have had to do with the costs of acquiring additional right-of-way.

City Engineers David Martini and Dan Lonnes were present to present plan alternatives on the improvement of the Vine Hill & Hwy 7 Intersection.

The first plan included four southbound lanes with two lanes dedicated as left turn lanes, one a dedicated through lane, and the other as a dedicated right turn lane. This plan would require the acquisition of additional right-of-way from Coldwell Banker.

The second and preferred plan included three southbound lanes with two lanes dedicated as left turn lanes and the other as a combination through lane & right turn lane. This plan would not require additional right-of-way as the existing median would be narrowed.

Further discussion was held on the scope of the project, determining the potential costs of the second plan, the need to obtain traffic count information from MNDOT, the possible development of a Cooperative Agreement with Shorewood and Minnetonka, and the possibility of delaying the installation of the signal lights until the intersection improvements could be coordinated with the signal light design.

Motion by Paul Skrede to recommend that the City Engineer talk with MNDOT on the potential intersection improvements and the opportunity for the City of Deephaven to work cooperatively with the cities of Shorewood and Minnetonka, obtain traffic count information from MNDOT, and coordinate with MNDOT to establish a more appropriate time frame for the installation of the traffic

lights along with appropriate intersection improvements. Seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0.

**Other**

Paul Skrede provided a brief update on the traffic congestion issue that has been successfully resolved by the installation of the stacking lane abutting Deephaven Elementary School.

**Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Cory Johnson. Motion carried 6-0. The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Works & Safety Committee will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2012.