

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, January 3, 2017
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

Members Present

Paul Skrede, Police Chief Cory Johnson, Public Works Foreman John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

Other Public Safety Issues

Discussion was held on the possibility of obtaining see-thought rails for the Vine Hill Bridge.

The Committee approved a change in the date of the Public Works Committee meeting from the first to the second Tuesday of the month,

Paul Skrede had several questions for Chief Johnson regarding the proposed Sexual Predator ordinance that will be reviewed at this evening's Council meeting.

Paul Skrede and Cory Johnson requested information on the current deer count from the USDA.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed bathroom addition onto the warming house at Thorpe Park.

Discuss Private Road Improvements

Discussion was held on the difficulties in trying to assist with the improvement of private roads. It was recommended that the City continue to provide contractor and bid information as has been the past practice.

Update Lake Louise Project

John Menzel stated that he is waiting to hear back from the contractor, who was waiting for frost in the ground before they began the project.

Update 2017 Improvement Projects / Bid Letting Dates

Dana Young provided the following proposed bid letting dates for the 2017 Improvement Projects:

2017 Street Improvement Project	-	May 1, 2016
2017 Manhole Rehabilitation Project	-	May 1, 2016
2017 Sewer Main Cleaning & Televising Project	-	May 1, 2016
2017 Minnetonka Blvd Storm Water Project	-	May 1, 2016

Other

Northome Bridge Project - Dana Young stated that Jim Archer provided a brief update on the Northome Bridge Project. He stated that Jim has submitted a grant application for Federal Off System Funds. He stated that Jim noted that:

1. Hennepin County's project is moving forward so they are not interested in giving up their Federal Off System dollars.
2. The width of the bridge would need to be 26' as measured from curb to curb (two lanes at 11' and two shoulders at 2'). The City could pursue a variance from this width requirement given the low traffic numbers.
3. The railing would need to be crash worthy. There are options for a see-through railing that would maintain the same look and feel as the existing.
4. There is funding available for 2020-2021 and the application was required to be submitted at the end of December 2016.

He stated that Jim Archer believes the pros and cons of Federal Off System Funds are as follows:

- Pros:
1. It sets a firm schedule & timeline
 2. It provides 80% of the project cost
 3. You can surrender the funds if you choose

- Cons:
1. There is additional red tape due to the fact that it is federally funded
 2. It only funds 80% of the project cost

Striping – Dana Young stated that he will be sending out striping bids that do not include the striping of Deephaven Avenue and Park Avenue due to the fact that these streets will be striped later this year after the street overlay project. Discussion was held on striping a portion of Heathcote Road, for a stretch of road approximately 600' east of Circle Drive, and all of Linwood Road.

The Committee recommended approval of the striping of this portion of Heathcote Road and Linwood Road as a pilot project for 2017.

Further discussion was held on adding fog lines to Northome Blvd and establishing 11' driving lanes in order to provide better defined walking paths along this street.

3450 Deephaven Avenue – Discussion was held regarding an email from Tony & Elaine Peet regarding their concerns over storm water runoff onto their property and their request for an engineering study to review potential solutions to the water runoff.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by Paul Skrede. The meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2017.