

**PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2017**  
**Minutes**

**Call Meeting to Order**

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

**Members Present**

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

**Also Present**

Tony Jewett

**Discuss City Purchase of Police Firearms**

Discussion was held on changing the Deephaven Police Department Policy from the purchase of police firearms by the officers to the purchase of firearms by the City. Chief Johnson stated that he had a number of reasons why he preferred the City to purchase the firearms rather than his officers.

1. He would like to move from 40 caliber gun to a 9 mm gun, and didn't think that his officers with newer guns should have to pay for that decision
2. A majority of the cities he surveyed purchased the firearms rather than the officers
3. And, he doesn't want there to be a variety of weapons in his department due to the confusion in having to purchase a variety of ammunition.

He stated that the cost of purchasing seven new handguns would cost approximately \$3,200.00.

Motion by Dana Young to recommend that the City purchase new police handguns rather than the officers. Seconded by Jeff Kask. Motion carried 6-0.

**Discuss Fluorescent Bulb Drop-off Site**

Discussion was held on Waste Management's offer to provide the City with boxes for fluorescent bulb recycling. The Committee recommending placing the boxes for the bulbs outside the police office and to place notice of their availability in the City newsletter and webpage.

**Discuss Organics Drop-off Site**

Discussion was held on Waste Management's offer to provide an organics container for residents to dispose of organics. The Committee recommended obtaining additional information on the size of the organics container and obtain a sign from Waste Management that detailed the list of permitted materials and place the container up by Haralson Park near the power poles. The Committee recommended placing notice of the organics drop-off-site in the City newsletter and webpage.

The Public Safety Committee adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

### **Discuss Thorpe Park Grant Project**

Discussion was held regarding the Thorpe Park Grant Project. Dana Young stated that the Park Committee, Mayor Skrede and Councilmember Carlson have been charged with overseeing the warming house restroom project and the Public Works Committee, Mayor Skrede and Councilmember Jewett have oversight over the hockey rink project.

Paul Skrede noted that the Public Works Committee will also have oversight over the installation of the sewer line and the well.

Discussion was held on the installation of an outdoor faucet to enable the public to dress up the ice, when needed.

Tony Jewett stated that he uses a ¾" garden hose that is attached to a homemade zamboni to improve his home ice rink. He stated that this would give Thorpe Park neighbors the opportunity to flood the rink on weekends.

Jeff Kask noted that there is more to maintaining the rinks than just flooding it. He stated that the shavings have to be removed before you water the rink or you're going to end up with a bumpy rink.

Tony Jewett noted that it would be nice to have that option of an outside faucet.

Paul Skrede agreed that we should make sure to put these plumbing fixtures in place.

Jeff Kask recommended installing a water softener to improve the water quality in the restroom. He also noted that the existing warming house is in need of siding, a new roof, windows and doors.

Tony Jewett stated that one major question remaining is whether to go with one restroom or two. He also stated that the Thorpe warming house should be the same size with the same overall seating as the Village Hall warming house since the overall thrust of the grant is to demonstrate that the use of the warming house has increased.

Paul Skrede suggested comparing the overall square footage of the two warming houses.

Dana Young suggested holding a joint meeting with the Park Subcommittee to make sure that this Committee has the opportunity to share its thoughts and recommendations with the group charged with the design of the Thorpe warming house / restroom.

In turning to the hockey rink, Tony Jewett stated that there are three components to the hockey rink project – the boards, the asphalt surface, and the lighting.

Discussion was held on the cost, maintenance and overall durability of plastic boards vs. wood boards. Tony Jewett noted that approximately 80% of hockey rink boards are wood.

Discussion was held regarding the excellent hockey boards at the Carver rink, which are plastic boards using the dasher board system. Tony Jewett stated that he would call Carver to get the name of the manufacturer of the boards.

Discussion was held on the asphalt surface. Paul Skrede noted that the City will be obtaining bids on the asphalt from the 2017 Street Improvement Project bids.

John Menzel stated that the specifications should include grading the rink, installing 6" of base, 2" of asphalt, rolling the asphalt, and installing a final 2' of asphalt. Dana Young stated that he would let Bolton & Menk know that this is what is needed for the rink specifications.

Final discussion was held on the lighting as the Committee reviewed the bids submitted by Musco Sports-Lighting in the amount of \$52,100 for LED lighting and by Westy's in the amount of \$32,095.00 for halogen lighting.

It was decided to meet with Musco and a hockey rink board manufacturer at the next Public Works Committee to get a better understanding of Musco's bid and to get a better idea on the cost and installation of wooden hockey boards.

Dana Young suggested that this meeting could be held at any time and didn't have to wait until the next Public Works Committee meeting in March.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Dana Young, seconded by John Menzel. The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.