

PUBLIC WORKS & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, October 2, 2013
Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

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

Members Present

Paul Skrede, John Menzel, and City Administrator Dana Young

Request for Additional Catch Basin on Rutledge Avenue

Dana Young stated that he and City Engineer Dave Martini met with Anne Iverson, 19100 Rutledge Avenue, to discuss her concern that the catch basin next to her residence handled the vast majority of the storm water during the last rainfall. He stated that she was concerned that her basement would be flooded again if this catch basin were unable to handle a more substantial volume of rainfall or if it were plugged.

David Martini explained that if this catch basin were full, the excess runoff would cross to the catch basin located directly across the street on the south side of Rutledge Road. Dana Young stated that Ms. Iverson was understandably sensitive regarding the possibility of further flooding and asked if a larger catch basin could be installed to ensure that it could handle all potential runoff. The Committee reviewed estimates from Minger Construction on the cost of installing another catch basin further to the east on Rutledge Road that would connect to the existing catch basin (\$6,750) next to her residence or to the existing storm water manhole (\$11,750) near the intersection of Deephaven Avenue and Rutledge Road.

Paul Skrede suggested meeting again with Anne Iverson once the City Engineer has had the opportunity to gather the necessary elevations that would provide a more detailed explanation on the amount and volume of water that be necessary to cause any excess water that could not be accommodated in the catch basin on the north side of Rutledge Avenue to cross the street to the catch basin on the opposite side of the street.

Request for the Extension of Curb on Mtka Blvd (Jim Woodburn)

The Committee reviewed a request from Jim Woodburn (4210 Chimo East) for the installation of a curb on the NW side of Minnetonka Blvd extending from the intersection near Vine Hill Road to the existing curb immediately east of the Chimo West entrance.

The Committee voiced concern that the installation of curb could prevent the City from using the low lying area at the NW corner of Minnetonka Blvd for snow storage, limits parking along Minnetonka Blvd, and would be a costly addition for little gain since water runoff would not be enhanced by the addition of a curb.

2014 Storm Water Projects

Discussion was held on proposed 2014 Storm Water improvement projects. The Commission decided to focus on improving the existing storm water main on Linden Road and Carson Road for 2014.

David Martini provided a brief summary on the results of the recently televised storm water lines.

Chowen's Corner – David Martini stated that the storm water lines were open and in generally very good condition. He noted that one section of pipe had a couple of utility lines that had been bored through the pipe.

Easton / Rutledge – David Martini stated that the private storm water line from 19025 Easton Road to 19030 Rutledge Road appears to be open and allowing water to flow from Easton to Rutledge. He stated that the primary problem is likely the capacity of the pipe, particularly during heavy rains and the spring thaw conditions.

Paul Skrede asked if there was a way to verify that the pipe was continuous. David Martini stated that the pipe was too small to televise but the pipe appears to allow water to flow properly when they ran water into the inlet near Easton Road.

Further discussion was held on a more permanent fix, which would be to extend the existing storm water main from Rutledge Road to Easton Road.

Summerville Road – David Martini stated that the pipe looks to be in generally good shape. He stated that there was one segment of the line that they were unable to televise as one end was blocked by a rock and the other end by a bend in the pipe. Overall, however, he stated that the pipe appears to be in good shape. He stated that the primary question is in regards to the pipe's overall capacity and its ability to handle heavy rains and spring thaw conditions.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the Public Works Committee on a motion by Paul Skrede. Seconded by Dana Young. Motion carried 3-0. The meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m. The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Public Safety & Public Works Committee will be held on Wednesday, November 6, 2013.