

PUBLIC WORKS MINUTES VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD

**FOR A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF DEERFIELD HELD
AT THE DEERFIELD VILLAGE HALL, 4 N. MAIN STREET, DEERFIELD, WISCONSIN ON
SEPTEMBER 30, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.**

CALL TO ORDER – NOTING OF ROLL BY CLERK

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chair Tebon. Roll call: Tebon and Schreiber present, Frutiger absent. Also present: Village Engineer, Warren Myers, Public Works Director, John Doyle and Trustees Fritz and Wilkinson.

CONSENT AGENDA

PUBLIC APPEARANCES

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, REVIEW & ACTION THERE ON NEW BUSINESS

A. RESOLUTIONS

B. LICENSES & PERMITS

C. REVIEW & ACTION

1. PRESENTATION ON THE CREATION OF A STORMWATER UTILITY – WARREN MYERS

Myers informed the Committee that the creation of a Stormwater Utility allows a municipality an alternate means of collecting funding rather than through property taxes with the properties that generate the water paying for it. Creating the utility also is a means to provide a segregated, stable and reliable source of funding for Stormwater Management activities. By the adoption of a Stormwater Utility institutions such as schools and churches, which are exempt from property taxes and are major contributors of Stormwater runoff, contribute a share of the Utility's costs. Myers calculated the Equivalent Runoff Units or Equivalent Residential Units (ERU's), based on determinations given to him from Village Staff, to be 3,677 if the duplexes were counted as 1 unit or 3,743 if they were counted at two. Based on these figures the cost per ERU would be approximately \$40.00 per year which rates in the middle of charges in Wisconsin. Myers presented a graph showing the shift in Stormwater costs for the various land uses based using a Stormwater Utility versus taxes. The approach showed the most significant cost reduction was in the Single-Family category and that the Industrial/Manufacturing category showed the largest increase. Myers also went on to explain that the ERU charge is often split into parts, such as "administration", "maintenance" and capital improvements-debt service". Or a fixed charge/variable charge concept can be used, with the ERU charge being calculated after the total of the fixed charges is subtracted from the budget amount. The committee asked Myers to calculate the charges using a fixed charge of 20%. Due to the recent State legislation requirements that property taxes be lowered by the same amount that the Stormwater utility collects Myers emphasized the importance of checking with the Village Attorney regarding the details of what is required.

ORDINANCES

COMMUNICATIONS

STAFF REPORTS

Doyle informed the Committee that he discussed with Grade-Tech Pavers the possibility of using the compost site on London Road to dispose of the millings that will be generated from the Village's street projects. Grade-Tech proposed that in exchange for letting them use the site they would cut in the road way at that location. Unfortunately this is not going to happen as the Town of Deerfield has imposed weight limit restrictions on London Road and Sky Terrace. Doyle also informed the Committee that Public Works repaired a 12" valve on N. Washington Street which he has been planning on doing for quite a while.

ADJOURN

Motion by Tebon, second by Schreiber to adjourn at 8:10 pm. All ayes, motion carried.

/S/ Elizabeth McCredie
Village Administrator/Clerk/Treasurer