

# CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



## ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes September 11, 2018

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on September 11, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Basso, and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, Residents and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore. Alderman Clifford was absent.

### Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried.

### Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- 2018 MFT Road Program
  - Lindahl Brothers did the Road Program for 2018 and they are requesting a 2<sup>nd</sup> payment to them. Scott approved it with Morris Engineering and would like to get a payout for \$110,266.91. We are still holding retainage.
  - Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payment to Lindahl Brothers in the amount of \$110,266.91, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
- 2018 Supplemental Program
  - After reviewing the bids, it was recommended to take the low bidder which was Lindahl Brothers in the amount of \$152,293.79 for the supplemental road program.
  - Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the contract awarded to Lindahl Brothers in the amount of \$152,293.79, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
- Sidewalk Project Rt. 83 – Old Oak to PBO lot
  - Scott mentioned that IDOT has not released the permit. Aurimas had to do some supplemental forms that he dropped off in person and got an informal commitment from the engineer to look at them.
  - Still believes it will get completed this fall.
- Ridgeland Avenue Project
  - Progressing pretty well. The timeline for all the hard construction work is still for the fall. The landscaping may be a little bare and have to wait until spring for plantings.
  - There is some disruption right by Willow Woods. Scott spoke with the president of the condo association to explain things.
- Engineering RFQ for Federal Funding Projects
  - According to Scott, we did solicit for engineering RFQ's for federally funded projects. We did have four engineering firms showed interest in our project. The four are Morris, Robinson, Hancock & Christopher Burke.

- Safe Routes to School – Grant Application
  - Scott is not sure we will get it, but we are looking to submit one of the proposed plans we did for Cook County. We would include some sidewalks to tie in Ridgeland and Route 83 to the East to pick up the Hamptons and potentially go to Oak Park Avenue and give people a safe way to pass to get to the Cal-Sag. We would need to pass a resolution of support from the Council.
  - This is 100% funded. According to Aurimas, if the Municipality has available funds to supplement they would score points by contributing your own funds.
  - Chairman Kramarski moved to authorize a resolution passing Safe Route to School Grant application, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
- 123<sup>rd</sup> Street FAU/IDOT Engineering
  - Morris needs to proceed with an agreement with IDOT so that we can proceed with their submittals for the actual design drawings. There are some questions about whether our initial resolution covered all three phases. Looking to make sure we have another resolution entering into an engineering agreement between IDOT, Morris Engineering and the City for Phase 2.
  - Chairman Kramarski moved to pass a resolution authorizing an agreement with Morris Engineering and IDOT for Phase 2 engineering of 123<sup>rd</sup> Street FAU route, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**

### **Engineer’s Report: Aurimas Spucys, Morris Engineering**

- 2018 MFT Road Program
  - Will prepare a punch list.

### **Alderman Comments**

Alderman Basso questioned whether all the sidewalk projects are state mandated or are we just spending money because they are giving it to us. Scott can say they are mandated, but more like they are recommended to enhance the non-motorized transportation. This is how grant opportunities are opening up right now. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Basso asked about the stone on the side of the road and then dirt next to the stone. Scott mentioned that one function of the dirt is to make a transition back to the soil for homeowners to maintain their property. When they add straw over dirt that helps the seed grow. The straw is bio-degradable.

Alderman Key wanted to know about Ridgeland Avenue where the medians are falling apart. It would make a huge improvement to remove them and fill in with asphalt. There were supposed to do a few years ago. The area between a 127<sup>th</sup> and 135<sup>th</sup> is really bad. According to Aurimas the County does not have the funds. Scott said they would address it when they do the road, but that isn’t happening anytime soon. Discussion ensued.

Chairman Kramarski asked if 76th Avenue has been approved. According to Scott Smith it has been, and we do have to enter into an engineering agreement with a consultant because it is federally funded. The funds are there and we need to one more agreement.

### **Morris Engineering Invoices**

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$1,373.46 from August, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried. (**Voucher List**)

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$18,900.14 from September, seconded by Alderman Basso. All in favor and motion carried. (**Voucher List**)

### **Resident Comments**

Mr. Myers (12941 S 70<sup>th</sup> Ct) wanted to see if there is any update on the flood plain and the ditches in front of their house. Scott Smith said MWRD just awarded the contract. They are hoping to get everything in place and do some preliminary work before winter sets in. The real construction of the dam will be in 2019. They anticipate 70 houses coming out of the flood plain. They cannot do any work on the ditches before the other work begins.

Mr. & Mrs. Tortorici (7000 W 130<sup>th</sup> St) attended the meeting to get an update on Lake Arrowhead and thanked Scott Smith for patch repairs.

Alderman McGovern questioned if there is a flood plan anywhere in Oak Hills? Discussion ensued about the grey area in the maps since they are close.

Alderman McGovern also talked about the median islands that are being constructing on Ridgeland. Scott mentioned there are only two islands on the stretch between Route 83 and 127<sup>th</sup> Street. Discussion ensued.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, Chairman Kramarski moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary