

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



WATER AND SEWER COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes September 25, 2018

Chairman Bylut called to order the regular meeting of the Water and Sewer Committee at 6:30 p.m. in the Palos Heights Administration Building, 7607 W. College Drive, Palos Heights, IL.

Present were Chairman Bylut, Alderman McGrogan, Alderman Fulkerson, Alderman Basso, Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Pat Sheppard.

Approval of Minutes

Chairman Bylut moved to approve the minutes of the August 28, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Fulkerson. The motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Director's Report: Scott Smith

- Water Main Repairs. There had been one water main break and several valve repairs were made in-house.
- IEPA Inspection. IEPA use to do a semi-annual inspection on the pump houses, but has changed to a three, four, or five year cycle. Scott was notified that they will be out before the end of the year to inspect and Scott felt confident that everything was in good shape.
- RJN Meeting. Scott has been trying to schedule a meeting with RJN Group to start on the sanitary sewer smoke testing which was approved by City Council on September 4. Scott will keep the committee informed when the testing will be done and when letters are sent to the residents regarding the smoke testing.
- Sanitary System Evaluation Update. RJN is also working with the City on this project for compliance with MWRD mandates. Scott noted there were two old lift stations (installed in the 60's), one on 75th Avenue at 127th Street and one on Menominee that serves the Navajo subdivision, that were performing poorly. He said they were planning to propose having specs drawn up to go out for bid for pump and piping improvements and control upgrades at those two stations before the end of the year. The cost would be approximately \$150,000 each which was budgeted under capital improvements.
- Hospital Pump Station Improvements. The tank at the hospital needs paint and some structural work which will be very time consuming. Scott has looked at the tank many times with two different engineering firms. He said it would be very difficult to function (pushing the water from the south to the west) without that tank in use. Scott has considered building a secondary, much smaller tank that could be used during that time. He said there was potential to purchase a piece of property adjacent to the tank, if it became available, to allow room to construct a secondary tank. Scott would keep the committee informed.
- SCADA Control Updates. The project at the pump stations was about 90% completed and they currently working on the computer programming.

Oak Lawn Water Main Expansion Project

Scott informed the committee that the Village of Oak Lawn was going to install a huge distribution water main to the south and southwest suburbs and referred to a large route map he had received. He said Oak Lawn tentatively has an agreement with ComEd, so the proposed route would come under the Cal Sag Canal from the Metra retention area south to the area between the Metra train bridge and the Southwest Highway bridge, cut over to cross under Rt. 83 near the ball field parking lot, and run through ComEd's high-wire easement to 131st Street, cross-over and run through the Forest Preserves to 135th and 76th Avenue. Oak Lawn had been working on this project since 2014. Scott and the City Administrator had recently met with Oak Lawn officials to talk in detail about the proposed route through Palos Heights and what would be needed/required. Scott reviewed the disruptions and concerns they had. He said all repair/restoration work would be made in accordance with the City's specifications and the City's engineering standards for repairs would be included in the contract with Oak Lawn. A benefit for Palos Heights is that we may be able to get a 16 inch tap and valve off the water main, if it can be negotiated with Oak Lawn, which would help tremendously with pumping water from the northeast side of town to the southwest side. If all goes as scheduled with permitting, the work will begin in 2021. Discussion ensued on the subject.

Morris Engineering

Scott said they were working on the 123rd Street Improvements which is federally funded. Several water mains in that old section of town will be relocated which will be a huge benefit to the water system.

In closing, Scott thanks the committee for their recent approval of equipment purchases which will be beneficial over the years to come.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Alderman Fulkerson moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Chairman Bylut.

Meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia M. Sheppard
Recording Secretary