

Public Works Committee Meeting

Monday, October 17, 2016
5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Fred La Rosa, Orv Damrau, Steve Fritz, Al Tessmann

Others Present: Tom Davies, Dan Mahoney, Karen Swanson, Debbie Sniadajewski, Bill Konkol, Dan Ault, Andrew Timm

1. Mr. La Rosa called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
2. MINUTES
✓ **Mr. Fritz moved to approve the minutes of the meetings of September 6 and October 3, 2016 as printed. Mr. Damrau seconded and the motion carried.**
3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE COMMITTEE
None.
4. VOUCHERS
✓ **Mr. Damrau moved to approve the vouchers as listed. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.**
5. STREET LIGHT REQUEST – MARK & BECKY OTIS – 830 CHANDLER AVE
Mr. Konkol explained that Becky Otis contacted him about obtaining the forms to request a street light in her neighborhood, copies attached. He stated that comments from Ms. Otis and from Chief Dan Ault are attached as well.

Mr. Ault stated that he reviewed the area and shot some evening video. He stated that it is certainly a dark area, but no more dark than some other areas of the village. He referred to a traffic accident log from 2009 to the present and stated that there have not been any accidents or traffic issues in that subdivision. He gives merit to the lighting issues and had offered to meet with the neighbors, of which he has not been taken up on yet. He stated that there is not history of a safety issue in the subdivision.

Becky Otis, 830 Chandler Ave., mentioned the dark curves, plenty of traffic, and a lot of walkers. She stated that there may not have been any accidents, but they want to be proactive. She discussed turning around in her driveway so she doesn't have to back out. She discussed her husband's difficulty with his sight.

Brendan Olinyk, 860 Chandler Ave., requested clarification of the accurate location of the proposed light. He discussed the subdivision covenants of a yard light required on each lot. He state that he is not opposed to lights, but he is opposed to a street light.

Mr. Mahoney stated that if staff were able to get the location marked tomorrow and Mr. Olinyk was agreeable to the location, the board could take action on Wednesday.

Ms. Otis discussed her attempts a couple years earlier to circulate the street light application for signatures.

Mr. Mahoney clarified that she may have obtained the paperwork and signatures, but was never submitted to staff for Committee/Village Board consideration at that time.

Mr. Olinyk questioned if a traffic study was ever done in the area. He stated he would like to see a car count.

Don Nack, 770 Chandler Ave., stated that, if a street light is approved, it should be placed where it is most effective. He felt that yard lights were not effective on a curve.

Linda Sass, 741 Chandler Ave., discussed almost hitting people when backing out of her driveway in the dark. She mentioned that there were 2 robberies in the neighborhood. Mr. Olinyk stated that one of those properties was lit and Mr. Ault confirmed that it was.

Mark Meier, 930 Chandler Ave., discussed the intersection of First St. and Chandler Ave. being dark as well and in need of street lighting.

Valerie Olinyk, 860 Chandler Ave. discussed yard lights not being on and questioned why they weren't being used if there was a concern.

Mr. Meier stated that he heard there weren't street lights in the subdivision because the developer thought they were ugly. Mr. Mahoney stated that has never heard that statement. He stated that developers in numerous areas have chosen the yard light option over street lights.

Mr. Mahoney mentioned the Village policy that all adjacent property owners to a proposed street light location must be in agreement. The policy would need to be changed if the board were to set a new precedent.

Don Jankowski, 2920 Drake St., mentioned that the covenants do not state that the yard lights have to be turned on.

Mr. Damrau proposed everyone in the neighborhood agreeing to turn their yard lights on at a certain time.

Mr. Ault stated that he understands both sides of the issues, but hasn't heard any facts about the types of street lighting that is available. He feels those options need to be explored.

Mr. Mahoney recommended tabling the request so Mr. Ault can meet with the neighborhood to explore options with the goal of attaining an amicable solution.

- ✓ **Mr. Damrau moved to table the street light request by Mark and Becky Otis, 830 Chandler Ave., until a neighborhood meeting could be held with Mr. Ault to seek an amicable solution. Mr. Tessmann seconded and the motion carried.**

6. REPORTS

a. Public Works Manager

Mr. Konkol presented his Public Works Manager report to the Committee, copy attached.

- ✓ **Mr. Fritz moved to accept the Public Works Manager's report as presented. Mr. Damrau seconded and the motion carried.**

b. Building Manager

Mr. Konkol presented his Building Manager report to the Committee, copy attached.

- ✓ **Mr. Damrau moved to accept the Public Works Manager's report as presented. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.**

- 7. Mr. Damrau moved to adjourn at 5:35 p.m. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.

Karen Swanson, Village Clerk