

CITY OF PALOS HEIGHTS



ROADS & CONSTRUCTION COMMITTEE Meeting Minutes July 10, 2018

The Roads & Construction Committee of the City of Palos Heights met at the Palos Heights City Hall on July 10, 2018. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Kramarski. Present were Chairman Kramarski, Alderman Basso, Alderman Clifford and Alderman Key. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Scott Smith, City Engineer Aurimas Spucys, City Administrator Dan Nisavic, and Recording Secretary Charlotte Moore.

Minutes

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor and motion carried.

Public Works Report: Scott Smith

- 2018 MFT Road Program
 - It is progressing a little on the slow side this year because of all the rain. They got hung up on the curb streets. Hopefully it will move smoothly for the rest of the work is on the blacktop Company.
- IDOT Route 83 Project
 - They are going to pave tonight (7/10). They will probably will finish tonight, except Ridgeland, Harlem little tie-ins and all the returns to the side streets.
 - Scott will be meeting with spectrum on Wednesday to address a couple of the grading issues, where they did the lane widening. Everything seems to be going well with the drainage.
- 2017 MFT Road Program
 - We are still holding \$5,000 retainage that Scott would like to release tonight.
 - Chairman Kramarski made a motion to release the retainage to D Construction in the amount of \$5,000, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried.

AGENDA

- Sidewalk Project: Rt. 83 – Old Oak Trail to PBO Parking Lot
 - According to Scott Smith, we received two bids for the project. Morris Engineering reviewed them and Triggs Construction was the low bidder at \$103,568.75. We would like to award that tonight to the low bidder.
 - Chairman Kramarski moved to award the Sidewalk Project in the amount of \$103,568.75 to the low-bidder Triggs Construction, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
 - Alderman Basso asked if there were any resident requests to extend the sidewalk or was it just a project. Scott Smith said that it came up and a few residents were asking for the sidewalk so they could get to the ballfield.
 - Alderman Basso seems it would be more logical to extend the sidewalk under the viaduct, but there is probably no space. According to Scott, there is no space to add a sidewalk. We would have to work with the state and it would be some serious money because of the railroad bridge. Discussion ensued.

- Request RFQ for Federal Funding Projects
 - Scott mentioned that one of the newer requirements for receiving and spending federal funds is that we have to go out for request for qualifications or request for proposals from different engineering firms. Scott is looking to advertise for request for qualifications from different engineering firms to handle both the 76th Avenue repaving from 135th to 131st and the Lake Katherine Parking lot expansion.
 - Chairman Kramarski moved to authorize the Public Works director to go out for request for RFQ for Federal Funding Projects including 76th Avenue and the Lake Katherine Parking expansion, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
- IPCB Joint Submittal on Salt Reduction
 - The Illinois Pollution control board has some things they would love to see the communities and tollways, State of Illinois, private contractors adopt. This is basically everybody in the 6 collar county area for them to reduce the amount of salt that goes into the waterways around Chicago. The MWRD is the lead agency for a bunch of towns to join together. The MWRD is looking to do a joint submittal for a delay in the implementing any regulations until they have a chance to study what the impact will be and if they can even meet the requirements the EPA would like them to meet.
 - According to Scott Smith the MWRD has given us a timeline of July 26th to join in on the agreement. There are 13 points the City would have to participate in and we are probably doing 7 of the 13 already. A couple of the other ones are just minor adjustments on the way we calibrate the equipment. Going forward, we are probably going to have to buy a little different equipment for salt spreading. It been reviewed by Morris Engineering, Tom Brown, Karl Schramm and Scott Smith. Scott believes it is easily obtainable for us right now, so we are looking to enter into the agreement and put the submittal through MWRD to put it to the Illinois Pollution Control Board.
 - Chairman Kramarski made a motion for the IPCB joint submittal, seconded by Alderman Key. All in favor & motion carried. **AGENDA**
 - Alderman Key questioned the process. According to Scott, we need to join in to ask for the delay. They are hoping for a 5 - 10 year grace period.

Engineer's Report: - Aurimas Spucys, Morris Engineering

- Lake Arrowhead
 - There was a pre-bid meeting with all the contractors where they walked the site.
- 2018 Paving Program
 - This week they are planning to finish back filling curbs and starting to cut for stone shoulders. Week of 7/16: grind and patch balance of the project. Week of 7/23: pave balance of project.
 - We have to make sure they clean up before the paving. The last thing would be some landscape restoration
- 123rd St. Road Reconstruction
 - Phase 1 design approved by IDOT, we will be submitting Phase 2 agreements for IDOT review and approval.

- Ridgeland Ave. Corridor Improvements
 - IDOT has a permit coordinator that will reach out to Cook County Highway Department and try to convince them that it is smart to let people start, because there has been a lot of back and forth with the county and the state.
 - Project has been approved by CMAP and IDOT.
 - Low bidder Davis Concrete, work begins after Cook County approves permit.
 - Plans are re-submitted for review to Cook County. Per county, pedestrian crossing has been removed by 123rd Street.
- Oak Hills Drainage Improvement Plan
 - Plan has been approved by the city and MWRD application forms were returned to the project engineer for submittal to MWRD.

Alderman Comments

Alderman Basso asked about the road on 69th Court around the 125th block by the creek. Is that an in-house repair? Scott would like to let another road program out this fall and will address it then.

Alderman Clifford asked about Cypress recommendations. According to Scott, Cypress is sitting with the MWRD Board to approve the funding and the final agreement and then present it to the city. The city will then review them and sign off on them. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Clifford asked about the tie-ins along Route 83. Scott mentioned Spectrum is doing their side and Gallagher will do the rest. The tie-ins will be done last. Alderman Clifford would like to know if the sidewalk will go from the south side of the bridge down Harlem and then down Route 83. According to Aurimas, it will be within the Spectrum property. On Route 83 it will dead-end at the pond. Alderman Clifford wondered if the City looked into using the corner for a design feature like a portal entrance. According to Scott, we have not approached them about using any of their property for signage. Discussion ensued.

Alderman Key would like to know when Ridgeland is going to start. It was supposed to start May 1st and he keeps getting inquiries from residents. Discussion ensued.

Scott Smith will try to get moving with the traffic study in the fall. He would like to give homeowners the opportunity to correct issues on their own before the city comes in and removes shrubbery and other items. Discussion ensued.

Morris Engineering Invoices

Chairman Kramarski moved to approve payments to Morris Engineering for various projects in Palos Heights in the amount of \$27,292.27, seconded by Alderman Clifford. All in favor and motion carried. (**Voucher List**)

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 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Charlotte Moore, Recording Secretary