



City of Palos Heights  
Roads & Construction Meeting  
Tuesday, January 10, 2023  
6:30 p.m.  
MINUTES

### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Clifford called the Roads & Construction Committee meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Basso, Alderman Lewandowski, Public Works Director Adam Jasinski, Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering, and recording secretary Ashley Pala. Alderman Begley attended by phone until 6:54 when she arrived in person.

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the minutes of the Roads & Construction Committee meeting held on December 13, 2022, seconded by Lewandowski. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

### **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- A. Snow Removal Update:** There was one snow event that lasted two days (December 23-24, 2022). On December 23, the temperature fell to as low as -7 degrees Fahrenheit. There was snow drifts up to 4 inches of snow. Public Works plowed a total of four times on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and utilized a total of 61 tons of salt and 1100 gallons of pre-wet organic beet juice. A Public Works crew member inspected the roads on the 24<sup>th</sup> and noticed drifting. On the 24<sup>th</sup>, an addition 20 tons of salt and 165 gallons of liquid.
- B. Honorary Street Signs:** Director Jasinski was directed to design a policy for review to implement honorary street signs into the Palos Heights Community. Director Jasinski drafted a policy for the Committee to review. Presented was two options in color one being brown and the other being blue to utilize for former Alderman Kramarski and for potential future honorary street signs. The committee discussed the need for additional opinions from other alderpersons.

Alderman Lewandowski motioned to install a blue honorary street sign for former Alderman Kramarski at the intersection of Carmichael and 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue, seconded by Alderman Begley. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. -AGENDA

Alderman Clifford motioned to implement a policy for honorary street name program and application, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. -AGENDA

- C. Stop Signs:** The intersection study was completed in 2018 when the 4-way stop was removed. Director Jasinski researched that there were three accidents within a two-year span and there is a line of sight issue with the foliage at that intersection of 125<sup>th</sup> & 72<sup>nd</sup> Ct. All three accidents involved subjects traveling north and south bound not being able to see the vehicles traveling east or west. Director Jasinski stated that there are two solutions with one being Public Works

can clear the foliage that is on the street to create better sight line to see if conditions improve. The other option is to install stop signs on the north and southbound lanes.

Director Jasinski received a complaint at the intersection at 122<sup>nd</sup> & 70<sup>th</sup> Avenue where he determined there was not a need for a stop sign as there was not a significant amount of accidents and the line of sight was clear.

Alderman Lewandowski motioned to install two stop signs on the north and southbound at the intersection of 125<sup>th</sup> & 72<sup>nd</sup> Ct., seconded by Alderman Begley. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. **–AGENDA**

### **MORRIS ENGINEERING**

Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering Provided the following updates:

- The 2023 Road Program is in the process and then will be submitted to Director Jasinski for review and discussion. A resolution will need to be prepared to be submitted to IDOT for MFT funds.
- The 76<sup>th</sup> Avenue Phase 3 is still targeting a March 2023 letting which was revised per IDOT.
- The Ridgeland Avenue medians are complete and currently holding a 10% retainage.

Alderman Begley inquired if it was possible to increase the number of streets completed in the road program per year. Director Jasinski stated that it is possible but it is budget driven. Yearly \$500,000.00 is used from MFT Funds and \$100,000.00 is from vehicle stickers. The reason the streets are worsening is because all of them were redone roughly 20 years ago which is the typical lifespan.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Alderman Clifford moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary