



City of Palos Heights
Roads & Construction Meeting
Tuesday, February 14, 2023
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clifford called the Roads & Construction Committee meeting to order at 6:33 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Basso, Alderman Lewandowski, Public Works Director Adam Jasinski, Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering, recording secretary Morgan Pukula and one member of the public. Alderman Begley arrived at 6:56 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the minutes of the Roads & Construction Committee meeting held on January 10, 2023, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. Snow Removal Update:** We had a total of 10 snow storms or 10 total days with snow fall. We had about 4 in a row starting January 25th which only was a dusting or ice accumulation. We measure our trucks before they leave the shop and when they return. An estimation of salt used is around 240 tons for the 10 storm events. We used 3,200 gallons of pre-wet mix, which is the sticky, organic compound/liquid we use to pre-wet the salt for faster activation. We were able to utilize the pre-wet mixture for the extremely cold event right before Christmas, which activated the salt in single digit and falling temperatures. We are trying to limit our salt use as dictated by IEPA, but are still required to purchase 560 tons of salt, so we are using just a little less than half of what we are required to purchase. Hopefully we have a storm or two left in the future so we can utilize more, in hopes of making more space for the required salt purchase.
- B. Request to Bid the 2023 MFT Road Program:** Director Jasinski handed out a map showing the roads they are anticipating to resurface this year. We moved Oak Park up our list from 2024 to 2023 because the patch work we have done is disintegrating at a much faster rate than we expected. Oak Park is the main street we are doing, along with 3 blocks in Ward 3 and patchwork in Ward 4. In Ward 1, we received a whole new section of new Westgate that was replaced and also Westgate Avenue that was fixed last year. This year we are moving to the most needed areas that are listed on the map: Oak Park Avenue from College Drive to 125th Street, 74th Avenue from 121st Street to 123rd Street, 73rd Court from 123rd Street to 124th Street and lastly Potawatomi Court from 127th Street to Potawatomi Drive. Options for 2023 that were listed on the map include: the back drive of Lake Katherine, the City Hall parking lot and the cul-de-sac on West Navajo Drive.
- Alderman Lewandowski asked if the options were going to be addressed if there was extra money after the resurfacing of the planned streets. Director Jasinski added that we have the options budgeted and plan to use extra asphalt to patch as much as we can around the city. We do always roll our funds into the next year and will start focusing on resurfacing by mile instead of price. Alderman Lewandowski also mentioned the crumbled side pieces that break off the side of the road. Director Jasinski stated the way around it is, producing a strong clay underneath the road to act as a strong shoulder or curb to stop it from separating. The issue is, the road itself may have bad soil underneath and the trucks that drive on the shoulder add to the cracks and breakage. We are trying to address these issues by putting small grids on the shoulder areas, fill them with stone where the entire grid and stone work as a unit instead of

just the stone. We are testing around the Rec Center now by the main drive where people drive on the edge.

Alderman Basso had concerns about the road over the canal on 69th Court at 125th Street.

Director Jasinski stated they are looking at the street as a whole to repair instead of pieces and patching.

Alderman Clifford motioned to accept the 2023 MFT Road Program, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously. – **AGENDA**

- C. Request to Bid the 123rd and Natchez Culvert Reconstruction Project:** This project was started last year and we finally received all the necessary permitting for the project. The cost sharing will be with Trinity College and can reimburse us \$175,000. When we originally estimated this, it was an estimate of \$350,000, but currently we are looking at a \$600,000 project with permits and such. We also have Rebuild Illinois funds that are dedicated for this specific project that we have not used.

Alderman Clifford motioned to approve the bid for 123rd and Natchez Culvert Reconstruction Project, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. – **AGENDA**

- D. Request to adopt a Resolution for the 2023 MFT Program:** These are the motor fuel tax funds for capital road resurfacing and salt delivery. We are estimating \$500,000 for this year, that includes the road program of \$60,000 for salt.

Alderman Clifford motioned to adopt a resolution for the 2023 MFT Program, seconded by Alderman Basso. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. – **AGENDA**

- E. Request to adopt a Resolution to close Harlem Ave for the 4th of July Parade on July 4th, 2023 from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm**

Alderman Clifford motioned to approve the closure of Harlem Avenue for the 4th of July Parade from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, seconded by Alderman Lewandowski. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. – **AGENDA**

MORRIS ENGINEERING

Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering Provided the following updates:

- We have a meeting March 10th for LAFO resurfacing letting, and our next meeting with the city is March 14th. We will have numbers and dollar amounts from them and will be looking for the city to make a recommendation to accept or deny the bid. Regarding the 123rd Street reconstruction, a resident has reached out to Director Jasinski reference a cracked concrete driveway. But we have since spoke with the subcontractor who is going to handle the repairs. The Ridgeland Avenue project and contract stage is complete. Cook County reached out about an issue, but we believe they are looking at the north side of the median which isn't in our contract.

Alderman Clifford motioned to approve payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services for various projects in the amount of \$19,540.34, seconded by Alderman Basso. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. – **AGENDA**

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford stated that behind the businesses on 125th Street, the parking lots are extremely rough. On our portion of 6-8 feet from the berm over, we need to update the lots and make them look presentable. Aurimas and Director Jasinski agreed that the lots include property maintenance from the property owners. The most cost effective way is team up with the property owners and redo our piece and theirs at the time and go to bid to replace all of it. Alderman Clifford stated proper code enforcement is important for future property owners who want to bring their business into town.

Alderman Basso stated by Ridgeland and Route 83, the speed limit is a concern at that intersection. Director Jasinski stated the signage is all up to IDOT. The issue can be addressed but again, IDOT handles the signage and speed limit.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Morgan Pukula, Recording Secretary