



City of Palos Heights
Roads & Construction Meeting
Tuesday, August 9, 2022
6:30 p.m.
MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Clifford called the Roads & Construction Committee meeting to order at 6:34 p.m. In attendance were Alderman Clifford, Alderman Basso, Public Works Foreman Bob Murphy, Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering, and recording secretary Ashley Pala. Absent was Alderman Begley and Alderman Lewandowski.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alderman Clifford moved to approve the minutes of the Roads & Construction Committee meeting held on July 12, 2022, seconded by Basso. On a voice vote, the motion passed unanimously.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- A. 2022 MFT Update:** All concrete work has been completed. Lindahl Brothers, Inc. finished driveways that were damaged the week of July, 29, 2022. Grinding is scheduled to commence the week ending August 19, 2022. They will be mobilizing in town as of August 10, 2022.
- B. Ridgeland Ave Medians Update:** The project is currently on hold while awaiting IDOT permit for signal transfer over to the City.
- C. Drainage Work Update:** Completed ditch clearing at 73rd Avenue & 121st Street. Installed a culvert and patched the driveway at 75th Avenue & 121st Street. Completed ditch grading at 12023 Richard Avenue. Completed investigations pertaining to sink holes on Ash Court. Cleared all ditches on 131st Street that blocked line of site view on 78th Court and 79th Avenue. Repaired damage to collapsed manholes after the strike was finalized. The entire month of July was spent street sweeping.
- D. Restriping within City Limits:** Public Works has a plan to restrike all existing stop bars and cross walks on Route 83, Ridgeland Avenue, Harlem Avenue, and 127th Street which would not exceed \$5,000.00. This plan would also include two turn arrows going northbound on Oak Park Avenue.
- E. School Crossing Road Signs:** Request a motion to approve the purchase of two flashing school crossing road signs from TAPCO Safe Travels in the amount of \$13,155.24. The sign would be placed in 127th Street crossing to the Recreation Center. Public Works is currently awaiting permit approval from the state. The current wait time is 4-6 weeks to obtain the lights. Public works will purchase and install. The quote from TAPCO Safe Travels includes two solar radio activated push buttons, lights, street walk signs, and radio.

Alderman Clifford made a motion to approve the purchase of two flashing school crossing road signs from TAPCO Safe Travels in the amount of \$13,155.24, seconded by Alderman Basso. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. --**AGENDA**

MORRIS ENGINEERING

Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering Provided the following updates:

The 2021 Paving Program: M&J Asphalt Paving Co., Inc. fixed and addressed all outstanding issues for the contract. Currently holding 5% retainage and possibly looking to release the retainer at the next meeting. Director of Public Works Adam Jasinski and Aurimas Spucys from Morris Engineering will need to verify approval of work prior to release of retainer.

123rd Street Road Reconstruction: Currently waiting for the fall to do the inspection of the landscaping that was placed. An IDOT representative will join Director Jasinski and Mr. Spucys to verify integrity. Adam currently has a list from residents of small areas that needs correction. The contractor has been notified and will fixed the area after September 1, 2022.

76th Avenue 131st to 135th LAFO Resurfacing- The Phase 2 preliminary submittal has been completed where minor comments were made by IDOT. After two more departments are able to comment, it will be turned back in.

Alderman Clifford questioned the reasoning for the wait. Aurimas Spucys stated it is due to waiting for the signal transfer from the state.

Alderman Clifford questioned if the project will occur in fall of 2022 or wait until 2023. Previously discussed was waiting until children were out of school to not interfere with their schedule. Aurimas Spucys stated work hours are to be determined to work around the school traffic and will not interfere.

INVOICES

Public Works Foreman Bob Murphy requested approval of payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services for various projects in the amount of \$31,426.78.

Alderman Clifford motioned to approve payment to Morris Engineering for engineering services in the amount of \$31,426.78, seconded by Alderman Basso. On a voice note, the motion passed unanimously. --**AGENDA**

NEW BUSINESS

Alderman Clifford brought attention to residents who are not abiding by City codes to maintain proper lawn care. Foreman Murphy stated that he is aware of the recurrent offenders and the City cut the grass of one of the residents on 8/9/22. The resident is also on Public Works bi-weekly watch list. Foreman Murphy stated a Public Works lawnmower was damaged by bricks in the backyard that were under the tall grass. Alderman Clifford informed Foreman Murphy to place the cost of the damages in with the lien.

Alderman Clifford stated that Edna Craig of 12032 70th Court informed him that the neighbors tree is protruding into the roadway and she is unable to maintain a visual of the road while exiting her

driveway. Foreman Murphy addressed this issue and went to the neighbor at 12022 70th Court and he did not approve of the tree being trimmed. Foreman Murphy stated it is a neighbor dispute and he would wait until he was told to by the Committee. Alderman Clifford stated that due to safety reasons, this should be done. This was also agreed upon by Basso. Clifford stated to trim as little as possible.

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 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ashley Pala, Recording Secretary