North Hudson Public Works Meeting
Village Hall 400 7th Street North
Tuesday, April 19, 2016 @ 6:00 p.m.

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Pike called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees Head and Nelson. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Village Engineer, Kevin Oium and Public Works Supervisor, Mark Ekblad.

Minutes approval from March 15, 2016 Public Works Meeting

Motion (Nelson/Head) to approve the March 15, 2016 Public Works minutes. Motion carried.

2015 Capital Projects – Lakeview Drive N. / Pine Street N. / Eastbank Ct. / Lemon St. N. Project

a. Project Update
   Oium stated that the only things outstanding are the drainage improvements at the end of Lakeview Dr N. Total Excavating is expected to be on site on April 20, 2016 to complete the improvements and some of the restoration work as well. There may be some minor restoration work to complete. The final special assessment report may be ready for Public Works within the next month or two once the numbers are finalized.

b. 709 Riverside Drive N. Drainage Issue
   Oium has been in contact with Mr. Sweeney regarding when the improvements will be completed.

Deteriorating Retaining Walls on Riverside Drive N.

a. Collapsed Retaining Wall at 922 Sally's Alley N. /1004 Riverside Drive N.
   Oium provided the costs estimates for replacement of the walls. Oium stated that himself, Mark Ekblad, and Trustee Pike had spoken with the Stevens Engineering, the original engineers who did the job at that time. They reviewed the project file and notes. Pike stated that he had also spoken with the descendants of the previous homeowners of that property and the Chair of Public Works at that time. Per Pike, the previous Chair stated that as a rule, tax payer dollars would not have been spent to improve private property. Pike stated that the Village also spoke with the Village Attorney who reviewed the documents. Upon reviewing the project file(s), there are not any documents which state the Village would be maintaining the wall since it is on private property, other than the small portion (approximately 4 feet) which lies in the right-of-way. Due to this information, Pike stated it will be the recommendation that the Village not repair/replace the wall which lies on private property. Greg Yuschak, at 1004 Riverside Drive N, and Alice Oldfield, at 922 Sally's Alley N, were preset. Mr. Yuschak stated that part of the wall is located on Village property and part on private property. He stated that it will need to be a joint project to re-build the wall. Ms. Oldfield asked what information was found as to why the Village put in the existing wall. Pike stated that the previous Chair firmly stated that the Village would not have paid to put a wall in on private property. It is possible that the private property owner asked the contractor to put the wall in and paid for that portion himself. Per Pike, the son of the homeowner at the time stated that his father would have asked for that to be done. Pike reiterated that there was nothing found which indicates the Village would have paid for that

portion of the wall. Ms. Oldfield stated that if the private driveway comes down due to the wall deterioration, the road may come down as well. Oium stated that he doesn't see where the driveway will under mind the road at this point. Ms. Oldfield questioned if they would be ordered by the Village to replace the wall. Oium stated that they may need a building permit to build a new retaining wall. He would need to review the ordinance. Head stated that there is nothing stating that the Village paid for the wall nor is responsible for the repair/replacement of the wall, so that is what the Village has to go on. **Motion (Head/Nelson) to recommend the current proposal as exists be brought to the full Village Board for discussion and possible recommendation. Motion failed.**

b. **Two Retaining Walls within the Right-of-way of Riverside Drive N.**
Oium stated that he submitted cost estimates for replacement/repair of the other retaining walls on Riverside Drive. Oium reviewed the different options/costs. Oium stated that some of the blocks are deteriorating, however, he didn't notice anything significant at this point. Integrity wise, the walls are fine at this point. If the Village does not do anything right now, inspections could be done annually to monitor additional deterioration. To replace both walls could cost a couple hundred thousand dollars. Both of the walls are within the right-of-way of the Village. Yuschak questioned the wall caps on one of the retaining walls. Ekblad stated that himself and Oium would take a look at the caps. Ekblad will bring a report to the committee each year with the status of the retaining walls. Future replacement of the walls may be brought to the Finance Committee as part of a Capital Improvement Project.

Replacement of Autodialer for the Krattley Lift Station

Ekblad stated that the lift station is just before Casperson Drive on the edge of the Village limits. When the Ridges are developed more, this lift station will be used a lot more. The developer was required to put in the lift station and then it was given to the Village. **Motion (Nelson/Head) to recommend having Tri-State Pump and Control install the new Sensaphone Series 400 Autodialer in the Krattley Lift Station control panel at a cost not to exceed $1,700. Motion passed on roll call vote of 3-0. Nelson-yes, Head-yes, Pike-yes.**

Village Hall Solar Panel Energy Options

Oium stated that this was discussed at the last Committee meeting. Oium reviewed information as to his findings regarding solar panels on the Village Hall roof vs. subscription to a solar garden. Brian Elwood, Community Service Manager with Xcel Energy, was present. Elwood stated that for solar panels, outside of the warranty period, maintenance costs would be the customer's responsibility. On a company owned system, maintenance costs would be the company's responsibility. Head stated that there are a lot of projects in the Village that need to be fixed. It is hard for him to justify spending this much money on a solar garden. Head stated that he is also not comfortable with committing future elected officials to a long term contract. Elwood clarified that the spending is up front. However, the contract is for 25 years and the credits will continue after the payback period. There is not an ongoing charge each year. The credit in 2017 is the lowest it will ever be. If rates go up, credits will go up as well. Using very conservative assumptions (0%-1.5% increase in credits), the Village's credits will be in excess of the subscription costs by $4,000-$13,000 over the 25 year contract period. Elwood stated that they have been speaking to a number of businesses and other municipalities. The solar gardens will be installed in Eau Claire County and La Crosse County. Xcel Energy will help the Village advertise and let the community know that the Village invests in solar energy. Head questioned which fund this

would come out of. Ekblad will speak with the Village Administrator regarding this. **Motion (Head/Nelson) to recommend that the community solar garden option, and not the solar panel option, be brought to the full Village Board for consideration and possible adoption.** Elwood stated that Xcel is looking to get customer subscriptions by the end of May so they can make a decision as to go forward or not**. Motion carried.**

Winter Parking Ordinance
Pike tabled this item. Public Safety and Public Works would like to meet together to finalize the wording.

Engineer's Report
Oium stated that himself and Ekblad have been exploring the issue of the catch basin deterioration. There is a company that cleans up the rings on the manholes then brushes on a urethane product that cures and prolongs the life of the rings. The company is interested in doing a demo for the Village. The cost is about $350/each manhole and $600/each catch basin. Oium and Ekblad will set-up a demo and the cost breakdown will be brought to the Public Works Committee. Pike asked for information as to what percentage of the ones which need to be fixed can be done by this company, warranty information, and cost breakdown to be brought back to the Committee.

Director's Report
Ekblad stated that street sweeping will be done the week of May 9, 2016.

Future Agenda Items
Winter parking ordinance; crack filling, hot patching, seal coating bids; watermain connection to Public Works garage.

Adjournment
Pike adjourned the meeting at 7:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Melissa Luedke
Village Clerk

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