

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Utilities Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 17, 2018 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Chair Lytle called the regular meeting of the Utility Committee to order at 6:00pm in the Conference Room A of the McFarland Municipal Center.

Members present: Mary Pat Lytle, Stephanie Brassington, Craig Weiss, Chris Fredrick, Eric Kryzenske, Marc Nielson and Randy Hansen.

Staff Present: Brian Berquist (Village Engineer – Town & Country Engineering) and Allan Coville (Director Public Works / Utilities).

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Chair Lytle explained the process for the public to speak to the Committee. All residents in attendance chose not to speak at this time but speak during the selected agenda item.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Approval of the June 19, 2018, Public Utilities Minutes

Motion by Member Randall Hansen, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to Approve the June 19, 2018, Public Utilities Minutes. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 1 with Weis abstaining.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding the storm water run off in the Falling Leaves / Ridge Road neighborhood.

- Katie Younger spoke about the storm water that runs in the back yards and next to the houses on Falling Leaves and Ridge Road. She pointed out that there was a small yard drain on the south east corner of her property and did not know who put it in.

- Andrew and Myunysim Yeun both spoke about the storm water that runs through their yard. They also spoke about the storm water that ran into their house which makes their lower level unacceptable to live in. They have talked to their insurance provider. Their insurance did not cover any of the damage caused by the storm water that ran through their house.

- Brian Berquist then gave a presentation to the Committee regarding the flow of storm water through the back yards and around the houses in that area. From the video that was sent to him from a home owner, the storm water appeared to be running through the yards as expected. Brian explained that there were two swales routing water through the back and side yards of the neighborhood. He also went on to explain that there were possible modifications to the area that would help direct the storm water. One would be to install what would look like a dried creek bed using stones. These stones would be

placed in a swale, and would slow down the speed of the water. Another option would be to install an underground pipe to convey the water from Windwood Circle to Falling Leaves / Ridge Road. These pipes would only be designed to contain a 10 year event, so anything larger than a 10 year event would run overland. Brian stated there would probably be a swale over the top of the pipe. Brian requested permission from the residents to walk through their backyards so he can get a better understanding of existing swales and how the storm water is running through this area. The residents gave Brian permission to walk through their yards to observe the swales and the lay of the land. Brian will come back to the next meeting and update the Committee on his findings.

b. Discussion and possible recommendation to accept the "Sewer Backup Exposure Reduction Program"

A draft copy of the "Sanitary Sewer Backup Exposure Reduction Program" was included in the packet. The Committee members provided comments on the draft and requested Director Coville take their comments back, revise the draft then bring it back to the Committee for review.

c. Update regarding Village Projects
- Schneider Water Main Replacement
- Lani Water Main Replacement
- Spartan Drive Water Main Replacement

Director Coville gave a status update on all the Utility related projects going on in the Village. All the water main projects for the year have been completed with minor restoration and punch list items still outstanding. The concrete flume installation project for the storm water ditch between Taylor Road and Farwell Street is still remaining. This project is scheduled to be completed before the end of September this year, weather dependent.

d. Discussion and possible recommendation regarding easement with Alliant Energy at the Holscher Water Tower.

Director Coville gave an update on Alliant Energy's request to obtain an easement around the Holscher Water Tower. This request is being made so Alliant can provide electric power to the Juniper Ridge Addition Phase 6 project. The easement was still in the final development between Alliant, the Village Attorney and the Village Administrator. Motion by Member Chris Fredrick, second by Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, to recommend approval to the Village Board based upon Staff review of the final easement. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. August 21, 2018 at 6:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Member Chris Fredrick, second by Member Craig Weiss, to adjourn at 7:37pm

Respectfully submitted,
Allan Coville
Director Public Works/Utilities