

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND
Public Utilities Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 21, 2018 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Mary Pat Lytle called the regular meeting of the Public Utilities Committee to order at 6:00 PM in Conference Room A.

Members present: Member Chris Fredrick, Member Randall Hansen, Member Eric Kryzenske, Member Marc Nielsen, Member Craig Weiss, Village Trustee Stephanie Brassington, Village Trustee Mary Pat Lytle

Members not present:

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

None at this time.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

a. Motion to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting.

Motion by Marc Neilsen, second by Craig Weiss, to approve the minutes of the July 17, 2018 meeting with corrections. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board regarding the storm water drainage between Windwood Circle, Falling Leaves and Ridge Road.

Brian Berquist gave a brief review of his findings as a result of his review of forwarded video sent to him and his walking the back yards of the residents on Ridge, Falling Leaves and Windwood Circle. Brian observed two distinct swales in the adjoining backyards. He commented that the video showed the northern most swale was working and showed the water flowing through the swale. The swales all appeared to be well established and well defined. Brian stated that in very high rain events, or in frozen ground conditions, water may over top the swales. Brian therefore stated that his previous recommendation to line the swales with rip rap, was not necessary.

Ms Wall of 5403 Falling Leaves spoke and confirmed that the water flowed heavy in large events between her property and Ms Younger's property to her south.

Ms Younger of 5405 Falling Leaves spoke. She urged the Village to get involved with a solution to help her adjoining neighbors to her south at 5206 Ridge Road.

Harlan Hettrick of 5207 Ridge Road spoke. He requested the Village get involved to help the residents at 5206 Ridge Road as the water has flowed into their house.

Ms Yeun of 5206 Ridge Road spoke. She stated that she has lived at her property for approximately 1 1/2 years but was told that the storm water has caused problems at her

property for over 20 years. Her belief is that the water from adjacent property flows towards her property, therefore the Village should be responsible for diverting the water away from her house.

Randy Hansen (committee member) and resident of 5401 Falling Leaves spoke. He reiterated that the water runs off Windwood Circle and flows through a swale between 5405 Falling Leaves and 5403 Falling Leaves. He stated that in large rain events, the water really flows heavy.

Matt Schuenke then spoke and reminded everyone that they needed to not compare what they see flowing through their yards as the same issue Cross Plains just faced with recent flooding. He also stated that each resident needs to be responsible for creating drainage swales and berms to protect their properties from rain and water flowing around their homes and buildings.

Mary Pat Lytle then asked each committee member to comment.

Stephanie Brassington suggested she wanted to follow the recommendation of the Village Engineer .

Eric Kryzenske stated he wanted to do what was best for the residence and the Village.

Marc Nielsen is not convinced it is a Village problem but was wondering if there could be a possible modification to the flow channel.

Craig Weiss asked if there were more areas in the Village similar to this and would this be setting a precedence.

Chris Fredrick asked why is this the Village's problem? What has the Village done to create the water flowing differently? He also stated that any modifications done in the back yards by the Village could be fully assessed to the property owners. He also stated that another possible solution would be to buy out property.

Randy Hansen stated that there is a big elevation change between Windwood Circle and Falling Leaves which causes a lot of water running through swales.

Chris Fredrick stated that State Statues require properties have to accept storm water from uphill properties.

Mary Pat Lytle made a motion for the Village to take no action. The motion was seconded by Chris Fredrick. Motion passed 5 to 2.

b. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board to approve a lease agreement with AT&T for a generator at the Holscher Road Water Tower.

Matt Schuenke gave background regarding the request from AT&T to install a permanent mount generator at the Holscher Water Tower. AT&T wants the generator beings they have such a great demand for cell coverage in that area and the need to supply uninterrupted coverage for that coverage. Matt and the Village Attorney are

working with AT&T to finalize the lease agreement.

Motion by Chris Fredrick, seconded by Eric Kryzenshe to recommend to Village Board to accept the lease agreement with AT&T to install a permanent generator at the Holscher Water Tower as negotiated by the Village Administrator and Village Attorney. Motion passed 7-0-0

c. Discussion and possible recommendation to Village Board to adopt a "Sanitary Sewer Backup Exposure Reduction Program".

Director Coville reviewed the changes to the draft plan that was discussed at the last meeting, with the committee. committee members had additional comments and corrections and requested those items be incorporated into the plan and then brought back to the Committee. No action was taken.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. September 18, 2018 at 6:00 pm

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by Randy Hansen, second by Craig Weiss, to ADJOURNMENT. Motion carries 7 - 0 - 0 by acclamation.