

MINUTES

Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee Meeting

January 14, 2021

Members Present: Michael Tiboris, Amber Meyer-Smith, Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber, Angela Freedman, Mary Robb

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Andrew Bremer, Chris Dennis, Karen Knoll

1. CALL TO ORDER

Freedman called to order meeting at 6:00 p.m.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Review and possible approval of the December 1, 2020 Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee minutes.

Fischer moved to approve the December 1, 2020 minutes. Tiboris seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding idle reduction technology for the new Ladder Truck within the Fire and Rescue Department.

Chris Dennis – Fire Chief reviewed per information provided in packets, how the reduction technology works on a vehicle. It does have some fuel savings costs and reduced wear on the motor, along with some cleaner emissions. Some of the drawbacks are the cost of \$18,000 as it is not a quick return on investment; it becomes more of a carbon-reducing program rather than a return on investment program. Dennis reviewed preliminary fuel calculations with members, along with recent information; the return on investment is around the thirty-year mark, as they do not have the high volume for it to be utilized. The other drawback is during the cold or freezing temperatures; the water on the trucks is used to cool the pump, in the winter it is reverse, the water is used to heat the pump, there will be times due to the weather when it will not be engaged.

Members and Dennis discussed other vehicles having this in the future, lifespan of vehicles, each company having proprietary rights on their technology, the newness of the technology and other communities do not have this at this time, but some are looking at it.

Fischer moved to make a recommendation to the Village Board to pursue the idle reduction technology for the new ladder tuck within the Fire and Rescue Department. Myer-Smith seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

b. Discussion regarding planned Public Visioning meeting on February 11th, 2021.

Bremer reviewed with members the preparation for the 6:00 p.m. meeting on February 11, 2021. The meeting will be entirely online. MSA will host and facilitate the meeting. Bremer reviewed the community wide announcements which will be made, and the timeline as indicated in packets. People will be able to take a one-question survey, which will provide them with email reminders of the meeting. Bremer reviewed the articles, which will be included in the upcoming Outlook, along with the online newsletter the Lookout. Tiboris inquired if one of them should be the byline in the Thistle article or reach out to them separately, Bremer felt that was a good idea and Tiboris will reach out to the Thistle.

Bremer inquired if member felt it was important to have the meeting broadcasted live on the local cable channel as well, or just recorded and played back later. MSA will be having breakout sessions and hosting the session instead of the Village hosting. The session can be live, but at one point, the live feed will go into one of the breakout rooms, as it cannot be in all of them at the same time. The meeting will be recorded for future playback no matter how it is set up, but the decision is whether to be live the night of February 11, 2021. Members discussed recording options for the meeting. Members concurred they would like to see it broadcast live as it is happening, along with people being able to watch a replay. It was suggested to remind people as they are watching live, to join in on Zoom and go into one of the breakout sessions. Bremer will check into having a message somewhere on the screen reminding them to go into a breakout session. There will also be a call in number available for those who did not want to, or do not have access to Zoom.

c. Discussion regarding Green Tier Legacy Community Sustainability Strategies Scoresheet and development of the Village's Sustainability Plan.

Bremer discussed this will likely take two meetings, due to the number of items on the scoresheet. Bremer reviewed the topics of Transportation and Land Use Development; members provided their ratings for "low, medium or high" for each item in terms of priority and feasibility, along with discussing any concerns or questions per item. This was for initial feedback only, once the Committee has gone through the public listening session and community survey for the Sustainability Plan, the Committee can review and make adjustments as needed. This would then go into the action plan for the Sustainability Plan.

Due to the number of topics, it was agreed to make the next meeting more efficient, members agreed to complete the rest of the scoresheet if they have not already, and submit answer sheets to staff by January 25, 2021 so staff can tabulate and enter members answers for the February meeting. Bremer will then highlight the areas which need to be looked at for the February meeting.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE

- a. Tuesday, February 2, 2021 at 6:00pm.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Freedman moved to adjourn, Fischer seconded the motion. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.