

Street Committee Meeting
June 7, 2017
4:00 p.m.

The Village of Colfax Street Committee met on June 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m., at the Village Hall. Members present were Chair Davis, Trustees Schieber and Halpin. Also present were Director of Public Works Bates, LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann and Ken Keikhafer for the Legion Drive discussion. The meeting began with a tour of Legion Drive, Maple Street, Hwy 170 street lights and other streets. The formal committee meeting commenced at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Chair Davis, Trustees Schieber and Halpin. Also present were Jane Dobbs, Director of Public Works Bates, LeAnn Ralph with the Messenger and Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer Niggemann.

A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to move the Maple Street Tree agenda item before Legion Drive since there is a representative at the meeting representing the Maple Street tree. Voting For: Trustees Schieber, Halpin and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Maple Street tree - Niggemann explained Attorney Christina Mayer's interpretation of the Village Ordinances regarding the Maple Street tree incident. She referred to ordinance Sec. 6-2-5 (e) Obstructions and Encroachments which refers to any Village enforcement official may determine that any Village street, Alley, public grounds or land dedicated for public use is obstructed or encumbered and even without the twenty-four (24) hours written notice, under Sec. 6-2-5 (2) the Village Clerk-Treasurer has the right to place the Village expense on the tax rolls for unpaid bills for abating the obstruction as provided for in this section. There was a lot of conversation regarding what Dobbs felt what should have been done vs. what had been done. After many attempts to understand exactly what Dobbs was looking for from the Village, no clear response was received. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to split the Shackleton Tree Service invoice of \$1,055, fifty – fifty between Dobbs and the Village, remove the damaged sidewalk and replace the sidewalk with black dirt and seed it with grass and fix the lawn that was damaged. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Schieber and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Legion Drive - The committee discussed that Legion Drive, north of the tracks, has been paved in the past and it has not withheld due to the truck, forklifts and other equipment that unload at the loading dock or off the cars. Legion Drive, south of the tracks, is assumed may have been paved at some point, but is unknown. It is estimated that the maintenance costs will most likely be excessive compared to other streets in the Village. How does the Village work with these businesses to accommodate everyone? Can asphalt withstand all the motion with the heavy equipment? Is concrete a better option to withstand this type of use? Can we use group blacktop to see how it holds up? Should there be a maintenance agreement with the business that use heavy equipment on the roadway? Should the business participate in the cost difference between asphalt and concrete in the loading and unloading zone?

A motion was made by Trustee Schieber and seconded by Trustee Halpin to get estimates for Legion Drive from Highway 40 to the property line of RKR Printing with ground asphalt, asphalt and concrete where the load and unloading zone is. Once a cost is estimated, bring back to the Streets Committee for review. Voting For: Trustees Schieber, Halpin and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Highway 170 – Street Lights – Davis received a letter from Seth Sikora, a resident of the Town of Colfax, who walks from his home into the Village limits on Highway 170. He expressed his concerns for lack of lighting on the Highway. The Streets Committee has evaluated the number of lights in comparison to the rest of the Village and it is consistent with the rest of the Village Streets excluding Main Street. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to leave the lighting as is; if there are concerns from the state, the committee will reconsider. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Schieber and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Any other street discussions - The Committee also discussed the Cenex Street Light in reference to the damaged base. The committee feels that a letter should be sent to Cenex to discuss possible resolutions to the problem. Two ideas mentioned were to change the base to a cement base or add some bright yellow caution poles around the base so that the light pole does not get hit. A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Davis to have Niggemann send a letter requesting possible solutions to minimize damage to the street light pole. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Schieber and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

The Committee reviewed the Street Improvement List which will be prioritized after a closer review of street condition and cost estimates are received. The streets mentioned were Roosevelt, Cedar Street will still need water/sewer in the future, Railroad Avenue, Johnson-Olson Rd, E. High Street, Oak Street, Dunn Street and Viking Drive. Some of the project will be prioritized by determining if the infrastructure needs to be replaced rather than what does the surface look like. No action was taken.

Any other sidewalk discussions – A motion was made by Trustee Halpin and seconded by Trustee Schieber to table the sidewalk discussions for the next meeting. Voting For: Trustees Halpin, Schieber and Davis. Voting Against: none. Motion carried.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Trustee Davis and seconded by Trustee Schieber to adjourn Streets Committee meeting at 6:37 p.m. A voice vote was taken with all members voting yes. Motion carried.

Carey Davis, Trustee