

Staff Responses to Council Questions
June 4, 2013

6. CONSENT AGENDA

6E. Motion: Award a Contract for \$37,609 to True North Consultants, Naperville, IL, for Environmental Engineering Services

Is this type of testing required whenever the village excavates in rights-of-way?

This type of testing is now required by the State of Illinois whenever soil is hauled off site from a construction project.

The two firms propose using different drilling depths for testing. Why is this?

The depth of drilling will vary from project to project, depending on the type of work being performed and the type of potential contaminants being tested for. It is the certifying engineer's judgment as to at what depth the samples should be taken.

The two firms propose using different methods for traffic control. Why is this and is this acceptable to the Village?

Yes, the two proposed methods were acceptable because it is very unlikely that significant traffic control will be necessary. Most of the samples will be taken in the parkway out of traffic. However, if required, both consultants will conform to the IDOT traffic control procedures, to the Village's satisfaction, for the work being performed.

The two firms propose using two different methods for street patching. Why is this and is this acceptable to the Village?

Yes, any differences in the proposed methods were acceptable in the proposals because it is unlikely that street patching will be necessary, as most of the samples will be taken in the parkway. However, both consultants will be required to fill any street cores with cold patch, or hot mix asphalt (if available).

6G. Resolution: Accept Public Improvements - O'Driscoll Subdivision

What is the condition of the public improvements that the village will be accepting?

The public improvements are in good condition.

Did the village draw on the letter of credit to construct public improvements?

The Village did not draw on the letter of credit

What is the status of the letter of credit?

The letter of credit has expired.

7. ACTIVE AGENDA

7A. Ordinance: Provide for Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds, Series 2013A in Aggregate Principal Amount Not to Exceed \$16,350,000 and Provide for Levy and Collection of Direct Annual Tax for Payment of Principal of and Interest on Said Bonds

Is there a specific refinancing opportunity that the Village will pursue upon approval of the ordinance?

At the time this Parameters Ordinance was prepared, there was an opportunity to refund the Fire Station 2 bonds issued in 2007. Interest rates have risen since the Ordinance's First Reading; therefore, the refunding no longer meets the 3% net present value savings required by the Village's debt policy.

However, staff and the Village's Financial Advisor recommend passing the parameters ordinance in order to move quickly to execute a refunding if the financial markets shift to be more favorable to the Village, within the parameters established in the ordinance. Staff and the Village's Financial Advisor will continue to monitor the markets.

8. FIRST READING

8A. Ordinance: Amend Traffic Regulations on 61st Street

What is the school's position on the proposed restriction?

Staff contacted the school and they do not oppose the proposed restriction.

Did staff/TAP consider restricting parking on the south side and allowing parking on the north side of 61st St.?

TAP did not consider the specific recommendation to restrict parking on the south side and allow parking on the north side. Staff's initial recommendation was to restrict parking on the north side and set a time limit for parking on the south side. TAP reviewed the recommendation and based on their discussion, which included comments from neighbors, recommended the restrictions currently under consideration.

8B. Ordinance: An Ordinance Amending 30 Minute Loading Zones

What is the impact of the loading zone on the Posh Kids business?

This loading zone would serve the Posh Kids business.

8D-F Ordinances: Rezonings

There is a property at Ogden and Cross zoned R-1. Why is this property zoned residential?

The property in question provides secondary access to the Downers Grove Golf Club. Golf courses are allowed in the R-1 zoning classification.

Council rEmarks

There were no online comments this week.