

## **Staff Responses to Council Questions**

### **October 1, 2013**

**To allow for a corrected version of the Library minutes from the September 4, 2013 meeting to be provided to the Village, the motion regarding the receipt of Board and Commission minutes will be removed from the Consent Agenda.**

#### **6. PUBLIC HEARINGS**

##### **Midwestern University TEFRA Bond Hearing**

*How will Midwestern University use the bonds?*

According to the legal counsel of Midwestern, the bond funds will be used to refund outstanding bonds and to finance approximately \$30,000,000 of new projects at both the Glendale, Arizona and Downers Grove Campuses. The new money being spent in Downers Grove will be for the new Multi-Specialty Clinic on Lacey Road and on the Auditorium on the Main Campus. Greg Gaus of Midwestern will attend the hearing.

*What is the Village's role in this bond issuance?*

Since a portion of the bond proceeds will be used to finance the construction of facilities located within the Village, the Internal Revenue Code requires the Village to approve the bond issuance and to conduct a hearing in connection therewith. The bonds will not constitute any type of indebtedness of the Village and the Village does not have any responsibility of repayment of the bonds.

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

##### **D. Bid: Award a Contract for \$37,628.50 to Homer Environmental, LLC, Lockport, IL, for Hickory Court Drainage Improvement Project**

*When the original work was completed in 2004, did the Village use plantings and a 3-year maintenance plan similar to the project being proposed now? How long are the new improvements expected to last?*

When the work was completed in 2004, plantings similar to those proposed now were planted however, there was no three-year maintenance agreement. The new improvements are expected to last approximately 50 years.

##### **E. Resolution: Authorize Sixth Amendment to Grant Agreement for Eminent Domain Services for the Downers Grove Grade Separation Project Contract No. K00419**

*What is the status of this project and why is an amendment to the agreement required?*

Per the original agreement, Metra is required to reimburse the Village for any eminent domain expenses incurred as a result of the Belmont Underpass. One parcel of property acquired had significant environmental issues associated with it, and as a result the Village held back a portion of

the compensation until all the environmental work was finalized and approved by the EPA. The Village received notice last week that all the environmental work was completed and approved, as such the funds will be dispersed and the case will be closed. This amendment is needed so that the Village can continue to be reimbursed for the remaining costs associated with this case.

## **9. FIRST READING**

### **A-D. Ordinances Regarding 225 Ogden Ave**

*Will the new drive-thru cause any light to spill onto neighboring residential properties?*

There are no proposed changes to the existing lighting. In addition, the new drive-thru boards will not cause any light to spill over onto the adjacent properties, as there is an existing six-foot fence and significant foliage that would stop any light spill.

*Can the existing overhead utility lines be buried in conjunction with this project?*

Burying the overhead lines in conjunction with this project would be impractical due to physical constraints and costs. Because the property is relatively narrow, it would be challenging to physically angle the lines into the ground without impacting existing vehicle circulation, as the lines are near the rear of the building rather than along the property line. Burial of overhead lines is expensive.

Requiring the petitioner to bury the lines in conjunction with a drive-thru lane expansion would not be cost effective. ComEd does not pay for overhead line burial. The Village could use Ogden TIF funds to bury the lines.

### **Online Comments**

There were no online comments this week.