

## **Staff Responses to Council Questions**

### **July 7, 2015**

#### **4. Presentation**

##### **A. Presentation: 2014 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report**

*How is the auditor paid? Is it a flat fee or hourly rate?*

The auditors are paid a flat fee for the audit of the Financial Statements.

#### **6. Consent Agenda - Response to the Council rEmark**

##### **D. Motion: Award a Contract for \$77,950.30 to RoadSafe Traffic Systems, Inc., Romeoville, IL, for the 2015 Pavement Striping Maintenance**

*Will the streets be restriped soon? What is the plan?*

In 2015 the pavement striping contract will focus on the streets in the area of the downtown and where street resurfacing and reconstruction have occurred. Village staff will address the pavement striping at the intersection of Fairview and Maple this year with paint, and is in the process of preparing a multi-year plan to prioritize and schedule pavement striping throughout the Village.

##### **E. Motion: Authorize a Change Order for \$32,627.50 to Globe Construction, Inc., Addison, IL, for 2015 Replacement Sidewalk Program**

*Technically a “change order” not about increased costs for contract work but a revision of the contract to do more work rather than an additional bid – correct?*

Yes. The change order reflects a Village initiated change in the scope of the project to perform additional work not included in the original contract.

#### **7. Active Agenda**

##### **B. Motion: Direct Staff to Prepare an Amendment to the Stormwater Utility Credit and Incentive Manual**

*This item was brought forth as New Business and the direction was clear at the meeting. Why is this on the agenda at all let alone the active agenda? Do all Council members get a free pass or “do over”? How many do we get or is this special treatment?*

The item on the Active Agenda, Direct Staff to Prepare an Amendment to the Stormwater Utility Credit and Incentive Manual, would amend certain incentives available under the stormwater utility program. The proposed amendment appeared on the First Reading agenda of the June 16, 2015 Village Council meeting. The next step in the process is to consider the item on an Active Agenda. If a majority of the Council votes to approve the motion, the Manager will change the Stormwater Utility Credit and Incentive Manual to reflect the revised incentives.

This agenda item was originally proposed under Council New Business on the December 2, 2014 Village Council meeting. At that meeting, the Village Council directed staff to place the item on First Reading agenda. Minutes from the meeting are as follows:

INF 00-05782 A. Amend Stormwater Utility Provisions Mayor Tully asked Commissioner José to begin the discussion on this item, as he brought this forward to the Council under New Business.

Commissioner José said he would like to discuss tying what residents pay into the stormwater utility to the incentives to reduce impervious space. He would like to see the incentives increased.

Currently the Village provides a \$25 incentive for rain barrels. He suggested increasing that to \$50. There is currently a \$300 incentive for the installation of permeable pavers and he suggested increasing that to 50% of the purchase and installation up to \$2,500. Additionally, the Village currently offers a \$250 incentive for the installation of other facilities such as a green roof, dry wells, cisterns, etc. and Commissioner José suggested increasing that incentive to 50% of the cost of purchase and installation up to \$2,500.

Commissioner Neustadt said he agrees with the increase in the rain barrel incentive to \$50. He asked how Commissioner José arrived at the figure of \$2,500.

Commissioner José said this amount would be meaningful to a resident and make it more attractive to pursue these incentives. He said, however, that he was not tied to these figures.

Commissioner Neustadt asked for a report on the incentive and credit program.

Council members asked that this item be put on a future agenda.

The Mayor suggested that this ties into the sump pump discharge issue.

Mayor Tully said this item will be placed as a First Reading item on a future agenda.

## **8. First Reading**

### **A. Motion: Award \$1,729,127.73 to A Lamp Concrete Contractors, Inc., Schaumburg, IL, for Maple Avenue Roadway Reconstruction**

*Please provide information about the maintenance work that was recently performed on Florence Avenue near Burlington.*

In response to resident comments and concern raised at the recent neighborhood meeting and Village Council meetings. The Village recently replaced the existing culvert pipe across Florence just north of Burlington that was in poor condition. Staff also cleaned the ditch and removed accumulated sediment on the west side of Florence. These improvements are designed to improve stormwater drainage along Florence Avenue.

Staff is also reviewing the topography on the east side of Florence to see if the the sidewalk can be raised to reduce ponding on the sidewalk, which is a result of the sidewalk being constructed at about the same elevation as the ditch.

### **13. Long Range Planning Session - Committee Room**

*I was thinking of a spreadsheet that projects, by police and separately by fire individual personnel costs projected out through retirement. Our new hires are our employees for about 75 years. Each hire is expected to cost taxpayers  $x$  dollars. We manage our active force but we have a large inactive force. That is the gist of what I am looking for.*

Staff prepared the attached spreadsheet estimating the total Village cost of a police officer or firefighter/paramedic hired in 2015 that works here for 30 years and receives pension benefits for an additional 30 years. The spreadsheet was prepared in consultation with the actuary who prepares the actuarial reports for the Police Pension Fund and Fire Pension Fund. The assumptions used in the spreadsheet are nearly identical to the assumptions used in the actuarial reports.

### **Online Comments**

rEmarks are attached.





**rRemarks Data for July 7, 2015 Village Council Meeting**

<b>Agenda Section</b>	<b>Agenda Item</b>	<b>Comment</b>	<b>Commenter</b>
Public Comments	Comments of a General Nature	I would like to address the degraded nature of street striping. In many areas during bad weather the stripes are unidentifiable. This has led to several near misses especially at the intersection of Maple and Fairview. Will the streets be restriped soon? What is the plan? A very concerned citizen.	Kevin Lucas 5248 Benton Avenue