

## **Amberley Village Council – Streets, Public Utilities, and Sewer Committee Minutes of December 5, 2016**

In Attendance: R. Warren (Chair), R. Bardach (Member), E. Hattenbach (Member), T. Muething, S. Lahrmer, Chief R. Wallace, W. Brown, T. Chesney, W. Moskowitz, W. Doering, B. Teitelbaum, and S. Lefton.

The meeting was brought to order.

The minutes from the Oct 26, 2016 meeting were distributed and were accepted.

The agenda items included (1) 2017 Maintenance Budget Requests and (2) Elbrook/Section Road Sidewalk and Street Lighting Follow-up. See attachments.

**2017 Maintenance Budget Requests:** This was for information purposes, providing an update to the Streets Committee, and related to capital budget proposals. The Maintenance Dept (Mr. Chesney reporting) was requesting parts replacements to continue operational use of vehicles (fuel pumps) and completion of North Site facility modifications (i.e., paving and security cameras associated with the new salt barn). The acquisition of a new dump truck is being deferred to 2018 (anticipated) while maintenance (i.e., new tires) will keep it operational. The purchase of a roller/trailer is also being deferred and if necessary to get a job completed, the Village will rent appropriate equipment. The current 2002 Bobcat remains in good shape and does not need to be replaced, although it may be underpowered to meet some Village demands. There is work to be done associated with Land and Buildings including tennis court fencing and ball fields and these efforts will be further vetted during 2017. All of these items are contained in the proposed budget to be presented to Council in December.

**Elbrook/Section Road Sidewalk and Street Lighting:** This was a follow-up of the September Streets Committee. Mr. Brown presented information associated with improving the lighting at the Section Rd/Elbrook Ave intersection. After speaking with the Village Engineer and Duke Energy, and coordinated with the Chief Safety Office (Chief Wallace), possible improvements to the intersection might include: modifications/improvements to the illuminated pedestrian walk sign (LED lighting), programming capability to specific days for specific community needs (i.e., Jewish Sabbath and Holidays), and installation of overhead LED lighting to illuminate the intersection. The lighting could be installed on the Village owned northeast and northwest poles of Elbrook (the south side poles are owned by Duke Energy). The projected cost is ~\$12000. If additional LED lighting is needed on the Duke owned poles, the cost would be an additional \$3000. To get an idea of the amount of illumination provided, Chief Wallace suggested we visit similar lighting in other community locations. The community will be informed as we obtain information. Another option was to program the traffic lights and pedestrian crosswalks in such a way as to allow all pedestrians to cross at all intersections while all cars stopped for a red light (aka 'barnyard dance'). Out of safety concerns, i.e., motorists running red lights, the engineer recommended against this.

The sidewalk project along Elbrook on the current Port Authority property (west side of

Elbrook, from Section Rd. north to the creek bridge or 7085 Elbrook) would include installation of a 5-6 foot wide sidewalk, safety improvements at the bridge (curbing and guard rails), installation of ADA ramps at the corner of Section/Elbrook, and relocation of the pole and traffic signal control box. The estimated cost would be ~\$72000. Mr. Brown shared that if the Village proceeded with the sidewalk project it should be coordinated with the possible street light project (described above) to avoid rework. There was discussion regarding who should bear the cost for this project. This could include the Village, the property owner, and/or the residents along Elbrook, and a possible grant.

**New Business:** Mr. Teitelbaum (resident at intersection of Fair Oaks and Section) shared his concern regarding the absence of a 4-way stop at the Fair Oaks/Section Rd intersection and the safety challenges to pedestrians, in particular the increasing numbers of children in the area. He asked the Village consider installing either a 4<sup>th</sup> stop sign (southwest corner) or an overhead flashing red light. Chief Wallace shared that a stop sign could not be installed to control speed. The Chief also offered to review the archives to determine why four-way stop signage was not originally installed. He will share this information with the Committee.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Warren