

# *Village of North Riverside*

## **Streets, Sidewalks, Alleys & Garbage Committee Meeting**

Meeting Date: August 5, 2013

Trustee Bianco, Chairman  
Trustee Czajka  
Trustee Mengoni

Others in attendance were, Mayor Hermanek, Trustees Decosola, Demopoulos and Wilt, Administrator Belmonte, Finance Director Scarpiniti, DPW Director Kutt and Village Engineer John Fitzgerald.

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 pm. and the following is a summary of the meetings.

**Item #: 1 Review MFT Project:** Administrator Belmonte reminded the committee that at budget hearings a \$200,000 MFT Project was approved. The streets to be resurfaced are the 2500 block of Keystone, 2300 block of 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, 2300 & 2400 block of 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Forestview Drive from 13<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue. This project came about because the federal government would not allow the Village to use the bike grant money for resurfacing alone because resurfacing did not fall under the definition of “enhancement” as determined by the federal government. Trustee Bianco asked Engineer Fitzgerald how streets were picked for resurfacing. John explained that he, Director Kutt, and the Administrator drove through the Village and graded the condition of every street. Engineer Fitzgerald said the MFT application has been submitted to IDOT and once approved he will send out the bid packages and construction should begin by mid-September.

**Item #2: Discuss 25<sup>th</sup> Street Streetscape Project:** Administrator Belmonte distributed an email from Engineer Fitzgerald outlining four options for a streetscape project along 25<sup>th</sup> Street between Harlem Avenue and the tracks. Engineer Fitzgerald said he was looking for direction from the committee on which option they would prefer if these were accepted by IDOT as being an enhancement project. He explained in detail what each option consisted of; options ranged from the replacement of all curb, gutter and sidewalk; to adding decorative lighting, bushes and benches. After a discussion it was determined that option number four which was the total replacement of all curb & gutter and sidewalk with decorative stamped concrete sidewalks on both sides of the street along with the resurfacing of 25<sup>th</sup> Street was the number one choice of the committee. The question was asked if IDOT would approve the resurfacing of the street and Engineer Fitzgerald explained that resurfacing is considered an enhancement when done along

with the replacement of sidewalks, curbs and gutters. Engineer Fitzgerald said that he would contact IDOT with all the options to see which one, if any, fall under the definition of enhancement. Once a response is received from IDOT another committee meeting will be scheduled to discuss the project.

Trustee Bianco asked the staff how sidewalks are chosen to be replaced; Director Kutt explained that a public works employee travels through the Village and all sidewalks that have more than a 1 ½” deflection is put on the replacement list. He also asked Administrator Belmonte if he has received any complaints about the new garbage hauler. The Administrator stated that after a week or so once they were familiar with the Village the only complaints he received was that every once in a while they start too early. Director Kutt mentioned that all of the drivers were very good and he felt they were doing a good job.

There being no further business the meeting was adjured at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Trustee Jason Bianco  
Chairman