

**MINUTES OF THE ENGINEERING COMMITTEE OF THE CITY
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DES PLAINES, ILLINOIS HELD
IN THE ELEANOR ROHRBACH MEMORIAL COUNCIL
CHAMBERS, DES PLAINES CIVIC CENTER, THURSDAY,
JANUARY 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: The Des Plaines Engineering Committee meeting of the City Council of the City of Des Plaines was called to order by Chairman Bogusz at 6:30 PM in the Eleanor Rohrbach Memorial Council Chambers, Des Plaines Civic Center on Thursday, January 7, 2010

ROLL CALL: Roll call indicated the following Engineering Committee members were present: Aldermen Bogusz, Argus and Robinson

Also present were: Alderman Walsten, Alderman Brookman, City Manager Bajor, Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley, Assistant Director of Public Works and Engineering Duddles, Civil Engineer Peebles, Fire Chief Wax and Deputy Chief Support Services Division Burton

ENGINEERING COMMITTEE - Alderman Bogusz, Chairman

**Rear Yard
Drainage
Cost
Sharing:**

Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley gave a PowerPoint presentation explaining the program's background, the current number of requests, the different project types, and a cost estimate along with the benefits of installing drainage. He also presented a Northwest Municipal survey summary which reflected how many nearby communities had a similar program and how much money was allocated annually. He proceeded to offer several cost sharing alternatives, including Special Service Area funding for resident share of the project. Then he made a recommendation to consider resident participation in order to complete the 65 remaining typical sewer lateral projects and continue to fund the intermediate and major installations through the Capital Improvement Program.

Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley answered questions from the Aldermen.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

Jerry Petersen, 421 Cordial, stated that moving water from the backyard to the street only floods basements because the sewers cannot handle the volume of water. He declared the solution to the problem is retention.

Ronald Moore, 1480 Jefferson, said he is in favor of owner participation and agrees with interest being applied to a Special Service Area.

A resident of 1023 Margret stated that in the last five years backyard flooding has become worst due to street redesigning. He also indicated he is on the Rear Yard Drainage list.

Bob Callebert, 1479 Oakwood, asked how you get considered for this program.

Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley responded to the all the residents' questions.

Aldermen Bogusz, Brookman, Robinson, Walsten and Argus reached a consensus of a 75% City /25% resident cost sharing split and that the priority list remain chronological, noting, the Engineering Division may incorporate new locations in connection with Capital Improvement Projects.

**Discussion
of City's
Draft
Traffic
Calming
Policy:**

Chairman Bogusz opened with providing background information on how this issue started.

Director of Public Works and Engineering Oakley introduced Civil Engineer Derek Peebles.

Derek Peebles gave a PowerPoint presentation starting with an overview of the Traffic Calming Policy draft. He addressed the purpose of the policy, defined traffic calming, explained the policy components. Then he proceeded to clarify what allowable traffic calming measures are by providing examples of different methods. He identified the guidelines, funding, and prioritizing requests along with an overview of the complete process.

Civil Engineer Peebles responded to the questions from the Aldermen.

**CITIZEN
PARTICIPATION:**

Jeff Johnson, 1382 Carol, requested the language be changed under "Criteria" from "crashes" to "incidents". He also asked what type of guarantee is the City giving that the traffic calming measure will work and who will decide what is to be implemented.

Civil Engineer Derek Peebles responded to the residents' questions.

Aldermen Bogusz, Brookman, Robinson, Walsten and Argus reached a consensus asking the Engineering Committee of the Whole to present this draft to City Council.

ADJOURNMENT:

Alderman Bogusz, Chairman, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.