

Currently there are 22 suppliers but NIMEC has been working with 4 of these suppliers. Trustee Roberts asked what average of residents opted to stay with ComEd when given the choice. Mr. Hoover replied that 7-10% of residents have opted to stay with ComEd. Savings would be about \$175.00 per year per household.

Clerk Corral asked for challenges with the companies that NIMEC has worked with. Mr. Hoover answered that because this is new, residents are challenged in digesting the information and then opt out. NIMEC would assist to clarify the changes to help residents make a decision.

Mayor Craig asked if individuals already have a contract with another company for reduced rates what is the impact. Mr. Hoover answered that ComEd provides information sorted by rate classification, NIMEC would exclude those individuals. They would however have the option to join later. Mayor Craig asked what percentage of the energy is from natural sources like wind or solar. Mr. Hoover replied that the state has built in pre-determined levels that will be ramped up over time. Currently 4-5% of the energy is from natural sources. Mayor Craig asked if technology allows him to install a wind turbine on top of his garage. Mr. Hoover replied that the smart grid would allow the resident to sell back that power and in turn the resident would use less power.

Village Manager, Ron Moser, added that if the Village moves forward with aggregation the Village can team up with other communities, Mr. Hoover would assist with the process versus having staff work on the aggregation. This would save from 200 to 300 staff hours of work; the Village would not pay for any of the work. Mr. Hoover would be paid similar to a real estate broker where NIMEC would negotiate a commission when bids are solicited. Village Manager Ron Moser recommends to move forward and have NIMEC be a consultant.

Clerk Corral asked how many opportunities residents will have to opt out. Mr. Hoover answered that residents will be contacted twice. The first will be a mailing from the supplier at their expense. This mailing will have an explanation and a form to opt out. If they do not opt out they are moved over to ComEd mailing and ComEd will send a second mailing confirming the move but will also have the opportunity to opt out. If they do not opt out they will automatically be included in the aggregation. Suppliers are different and depending on the supplier there may be early termination fees if residents opt out after the change has occurred. There is however no fee if residents want to join after opting out. NIMEC will work with the Village on informing residents on the changes.

Direction was given from the board to move forward with aggregation and bring to the next board meeting on November 17, 2011.

b. Administrative Policies

c. Rescinding of Antiquated Administrative Policies

d. New Administrative Policies

Village Manager, Ron Moser, briefed the board on items b, c and d on the agenda. Items b, c and d are related in regards to an Administrative Policy Manual and upon staff review have found that the policy manual is dated. There are policies that should be rescinded, some need to be revised and some should be created. Exhibit A is a list of all the original polices of which some date back to the 1980's. At a future meeting a list of policies that should be rescinded will be provided to be approved. Exhibit B is a list of policies where a reason was provided to recommend the policy be rescinded. Exhibit C has a list of policies that never existed. Staff has worked on these but will continue to review. Once they are completed they will also be brought to the board for approval.

e. Hi-Lighter Printing

Village Manager, Ron Moser, briefed the board on possibly moving from a printed copy of the Highlighter to an electronic version. This recommendation ties in with some of our visions such as offering convenience thru technology, supporting fiscal responsibility and expanding environmentally sound practices. We have calculated savings of about 288,000 sheets of paper a year and about \$33,000 in printing and postage costs. One advantage would be that the newsletter could be published more often. An advertising campaign would be needed to inform residents and have this go into effect after May 1st 2012.

Trustee Zimel addressed his concern that not everyone has access to computers at home, could there be a way of printing fewer copies and have the newsletter at stores so that residents could still pick up a copy.

Clerk Corral noted concerns in lack of access to computers and internet, specifically in low income communities. She stated that the Highlighter presents a necessary tool of communication with residents on vital information. She demonstrated a support for an opt-out program for residents who preferred to receive the Highlighter electronically. However, noted that currently the Village pays a bulk mail rate to deliver to all homes in Hanover Park and that the cost savings would be lost if the Highlighter was mailed to individual homes that preferred to have the Highlighter mailed.

Direction was provided to continue further discussion and ideas to be brought at a future date.

f. Barrington Road Bus Shelters

Public Works Director, Howard Killian, briefed the board on bus shelters for Barrington Road. Preference is to go with a shelter that provides advertising. A shelter that Pace has in stock is the best option because with a custom made shelter a vendor is less likely to maintain because of the parts not readily available. The Village would receive about 30% of the profit.

Direction is to move forward with the bus shelter.

g. Lighted Street Name Signs

Public Works Director, Howard Killian, briefed the board on lighted street name signs. The two options currently available are to have the street name with “Village of Hanover Park” underneath the street name or the Village Logo before the Street name. Questions were fielded and answered.

Direction was given to move forward with signs that will have the logo in front of the street name and ‘Village of Hanover Park’ in smaller letters below the street name.

h. Veterans Memorial

Public Works Director, Howard Killian, briefed the board on the plans presented by the veterans committee to build a memorial in the front entryway to the Village Hall. Trustee Roberts spoke in support of the Veteran’s Memorial. Mayor Craig noted that he would be taking the blue print to the League of Cities Conference. Clerk Corral questioned whether State grants were being pursued. Trustee Roberts replied that because it is needed for our Veteran’s and the front of our Village Hall there wasn’t a lot out there to pursue as far as grants.

6. STAFF UPDATES

a. Gas Station Redevelopment Agreement

Community Development Director, Patrick Grill, briefed the board on a gas station redevelopment agreement at the property on Jensen and Irving Park Road, formerly the Valero gas station. The owner would like to re-open the gas station and make improvements. It has been verified with the TIF consultant that the expenses are eligible and the TIF funds are available. Improvements would be landscape and signage.

b. Additional Information on Squad Cars

Public Works Director, Howard Killian, explained that at a previous meeting it was questioned if the Tahoe’s would be the best option. It was also questioned if existing Crown Victoria’s could be purchased. Howard Killian explained that existing Crown Victoria’s are not outfitted to meet the needs of the police department. The Crown Victoria’s currently cost between \$22,000.00 and \$28,000.00 with additional cost to paint the vehicles black and white. If the Tahoe’s are not acceptable the two other options are the Ford Interceptor 4x4 SUV or the Chevy Caprice Sedan. Questions were fielded and answered.

c. FY'13 MFT Funding Discussion

Village Engineer, Bill Beckman, recommended an increase to the street replacement and sidewalk programs for Fiscal Year 2012-2013. It is suggested to increase both programs thru Motor Field Taxing. The street resurfacing program would increase from \$600,000.00 to \$900,000.00 and the sidewalk program would increase from \$50,000.00 to \$100,000.00.

Direction was given to move forward.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Trustee Zimel, seconded by Trustee Roberts to adjourn.

Voice Vote: All Ayes.

Motion carried: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Recorded and transcribed by,

Eira L. Corral /s/
Village Clerk

Minutes approved by President and Board of Trustees on this: 17th day of November, 2011.