

VILLAGE OF SHOREWOOD HILLS
Public Works Committee

DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETING: March 11, 2013
(subject to review and approval)

1. **Call to order:** Barbara Center called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.
2. **Roll call:** Committee members present included Barbara Center (Chair), Jane Grabowski-Miller, Mary Morton and Chris Petykowski. Others present were Brian Berquist, and Karl Frantz..
3. **Agenda Item: Consider Request from 1121 Columbia Road that Village bury power utility lines and reduce street width to 24 feet as part of reconstruction project**

Resident Fred Wade presented detailed information regarding his request for burying power lines on Columbia Road as part of the planned street reconstruction. His detailed Memorandum included MG&E's plans for the street, information regarding possible potential impact on property values including information from discussions with the assessor and others. He supported a Village policy to encourage and facilitate burying lines including having the Village serve as an interface with MG&E, contributing all or part of the cost and assessing all or part of the costs to residents to allow for payment over time.

This request was discussed by the committee in detail, including the fact that the Village has not paid for burying lines unless covered by TIF money in the past. The Village has instead told residents that if they were fully in agreement with bearing the cost of line burial that they could pursue this. To date, there have not been any street projects where residents all supported paying for the burying of lines and it has not been pursued. The Village does not currently have a policy regarding assessing residents for the costs so that they may be deductible and allow for payment over time. Additionally, the significant financial impact of burying lines on the budget for street reconstruction was discussed. Karl Frantz noted that historically MG&E provided incentives for burying lines. This is no longer the case and they also may not be willing to bury lines that run behind houses instead of in the right of way.

4. **Agenda Item: Review and Recommendations on Stormwater Ordinance Revisions**

Brian Berquist presented a summary of the Village's current stormwater ordinance. He noted that there was a potential inconsistency in the way that our ordinance treats ordinance triggers for new construction vs. reconstruction. The issue has not come up and may not arise in the future, but Brian wanted to make the Public Works Committee aware of the issue. After discussion, the Committee recommended proceeding with the ordinance as is. This will also allow the Village to assume a permitting role for projects that previously required county involvement.

5. **Agenda Item: Update on University Avenue Traffic Study**

The group conducting the study will hold a meeting on March 20, 2013 at 5 pm at the Village Hall. We will encourage as many residents as possible to attend. The Village has made a significant financial commitment to be part of this study and the Committee would like to insure that the interests of Shorewood residents, particularly those who reside on a street that may be used by people commuting through the Village, are well-represented. We will communicate the meeting information to all residents in a blast e-mail and Karl may do a mailing to the residents on the streets that may be most impacted.

6. **Agenda Item: Approve previous meeting minutes**

Postponed.

7. **Adjourn:** The Committee adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Barbara Center, Committee Chair