

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Phil Harms called the Special Public Works & Utility Committee Meeting to order at 7:00 am on Thursday, August 12, 2010.
2. **Roll Call:** Present: Phil Harms, David Donovan, and Randy Way. Also Present: Village Administrator Mike Gracz, Public Works Director Mark Below, Assistant Public Works Director Gary Disch and Chief of Police Doug Pettit.
3. **Public Appearances:**
 - a. Discussion and possible recommendation to the Village Board of waste receptacles (dumpsters) in the Village parking lot on Jefferson St. with the S. Main St. business owners, property owners and tenants. **(Note: South Main Street Property Owners, Business Owners and tenants are encouraged to attend this meeting to discuss the location and use of dumpsters behind South Main Street with the Committee).**

Below provided a map with parcel lines to show the multiple properties the Village owns; the map is highlighted to demonstrate where Village owned property is. DeBroux's dumpsters are currently located near the 2 parking stalls on the southwest corner and Senor Pepper's 2 dumpsters are near the angled parking in the south end. Below stated that there's also a cardboard dumpster behind Main Tap and a grease dumpster shared by all three businesses (DeBroux's, Main Tap and Senor Peppers). He stated that the issue is having dumpsters in different locations in the parking lot because it's going to be a problem to remove snow in the winter. He went on to say that the goal is to get them located in one spot so snow removal equipment can go around them, while still having an area to pile snow.

Harms stated the importance of determining the needs of the individual business owners and asked DeBroux what his needs are in terms of dumpsters. DeBroux started by saying that, currently, he and Butch (Same Ace) share a 6 yard regular garbage dumpster and 2 yard recyclable. The 6 yard is emptied twice a week and the recyclable is emptied once a week. He said that the ideal solution would be to have an 8 yard bin and either a 4 yard recyclable or two 2 yarders in an enclosed area in a place that everybody can deal with. DeBroux believes that, by doing this, everybody's needs would be taken care of. DeBroux also expressed the concern that he is tired of being the "garbage police." He receives the bill and is responsible for collecting. This has caused problems in the past and he stated that it would be nice if every individual and/or business was billed individually and responsible for their own bill, split by Pelliteri.

Harms then asked Senor Peppers to come forward and express their needs. Bonnie Thiel started by explaining that she owns the building where Senor Peppers is and rents it to Maggie Richter. Thiel dealt with both the Village and Pelliteri when Richter decided it would be easier for her to have her own garbage, her own bill, and so forth. At that point, Thiel says that she came to the Village before the dumpsters were placed to ask if there were any restrictions on the placement and was told there were not. She then met with Pelliteri's representative who said that the dumpsters had to have so much room to access them with their trucks. Thiel stated that she understands completely the need for snow removal and so does Richter. It doesn't matter to Richter where the dumpsters are put in place, as long as it's convenient and accessible for her and Pelliteri has room to pull in and out. She said she's unsure that a shared dumpster is practical, mainly because of billing concerns and discrepancies, as well as the whole community using them if they aren't locked. She further expressed her concern about there being chairs and couches sitting out there for weeks, which she believes is put there by individuals in the community. Thiel said that a logical and natural solution would be to designate the back area between DeBroux's and Main Tap as the dumpster area and suggested keeping them locked.

Harms questioned if Senor Peppers had a recyclable and grease bin, to which Thiel responded that they have a recyclable and trash. In response, Harms brought up the fact that he's gotten complaints about the smell in the hot weather emanating from Richter's dumpsters. He then asked how often the trash is emptied. Thiel replied that it is disposed of weekly. Below asked if Richter is billed a flat charge by week or if she is charged by ton. Thiel stated that it's a flat charge with a certain fee per month; if there's any extra pick ups required there's an extra fee. Harms questioned if the area being discussed on the maps is trees or shrubs and other material that can be cleared out. Below answered by stating that the area is mainly grass and there is also a storm water drain. Harms wondered if that would mean that we couldn't put down a concrete pad in the area to set the dumpsters on and fence it in. Below said that it could be looked at closer.

Below explained his reason behind questioning how business owners are currently getting billed. The purpose is to try and consolidate as few dumpsters as possible in the area and talk to Pelliteri to see if they'd bill the individual property owners separately, rather than it just going to one of the business owners. Thiel stated that might be okay, but you can't monitor how everybody contains or disposes of their garbage, which has already been an issue. In answer to Harms previous question, Below said he agrees that down in the corner where DeBroux's has their dumpster right now is probably the best area. He'd need to look at it closer to see if we could put a concrete pad over there and enclose it. Below mentioned that he ran some quick numbers and with 2 dumpsters and 2 recyclables, it would be around 200 square feet. Harms asked if the grease bin would remain on the corner by the spray booth. Below answered by stating that, when he did the space estimate, he didn't include the grease bin because it seems to be working for everybody in its current location. One of the tricks to consolidating them all is to get them in an area at an angle where the garbage truck can get in and out.

Harms summarized that the entire situation has been an ongoing problem and he'd like to try and get as much of it resolved and rectified as possible. He questioned if it would help the situation if we were to fence in the areas we've talked about and padlock it. Below responded that he doesn't think it would help with the illegal dumping and people will just dump it in front of the gates. He stated that he thinks that's pretty common around town and doesn't know why people would dump their garbage down there. Below said he doesn't know how you control that, other than hoping that one of Pettit's officers can catch them, but it's a shot in the dark. Pettit added that if there's no identifying information in the garbage, it's impossible to track down whoever dumped it unless somebody sees it. There is an ordinance about illegal dumping in the Village, but you've got to have some information to investigate and charge.

Harms stated that we should come up with square footage and size of dumpsters that business owners might need in the area. He asked Bergey if they would have any use for dumpsters now or in the future. Bergey responded that they would have no need for them. Harms then asked if there were any other businesses that would need to be contacted about use of the dumpsters and asked what Deits' were doing with their garbage. DeBroux responded that Peaceful Hearts is dumping in his dumpster. He went on to explain that they had set up an arrangement about a year ago in return for DeBroux using some of Deit's land to place his supplies. When DeBroux no longer needed to use the space, he told Deit's to stop using his dumpster unless he wanted to pay \$20 or \$40 a month. Deits' responded to DeBroux by saying that he wasn't going to pay him and that he was still going to dump in there. DeBroux once again asked him not to and warned him that if he catches him doing it that he'll get a ticket. Thiel explained that that's the difficulty with everything and that it would be a good idea, if it can be worked out, for everybody to be responsible for their own garbage. Below mentioned how important it was to have everyone together for the meeting and agrees that Pelliteri should get involved in this. In part, the issue is at the community level because no one legally has permission to set their dumpsters on public

property. He further explained that trying to move toward one location with the dumpsters is even better for snow plowing reasons. He said since they're only going to do this once, the space needs to be big enough to accommodate everything. For example, Senor Peppers has dumpsters that are working for them right now, but if they would expand and need a bigger dumpster, we need to build the pad big enough to accommodate it since it won't be redone in the future. He said he'll get a hold of Pelliteri and have them take a look at the dumpsters to get their ideas as far as layout for a pad and how they need to get their trucks in and out with the least amount of difficulty. Harms also asked Below to make a concentrated effort to contact businesses, Scott MacWilliams, and Deits' to find out if they would need or consider use of the dumpsters now or in the future. Harms said if DeBroux and Butch want more space and Senor Peppers wants to keep their 2 dumpsters the way they are and keep them locked, it might be bigger than 200 sq. ft. Below responded that he agrees with that. He also brought up the other issue that's always been a problem downtown, which is parking. We're probably going to lose, depending on how this lays out, the 2 stalls that run north and south on the west side.

Donovan questioned how much this might cost and wondered if we currently bill or provide the service free of charge to place the dumpsters on public land. Below responded that we'd be providing the space for the dumpsters but business owners pay for garbage pick up.

Thiel mentioned an issue with the aesthetics of the entire parking lot and how parking comes in to play with the whole thing. Parking is already tight down there and there was some discussion when Richter first started her business about all of the employees having an agreement to park across the street, which is something that should be considered. She feels it isn't very pleasing to the eye to see all of the dumpsters and suggested the whole back area be cleaned up. Pettit said there are no questions that parking is limited in the area and even losing 2 parking stalls to put in a pad in for dumpsters is going to be problematic in the winter time. Butch stated that there definitely needs to be more parking. He said there are a lot of people who say they were going to stop and haven't because they couldn't find anywhere to park. Jerome Thiel thinks it could be easily resolved if employees park across the way. If employers indicate where to park and employees' cars are taken out of the equation in the back parking lot, you'd be surprised at how much additional parking there's going to be. He reiterated that it's not hard to tell employee's to park elsewhere. Harms explained that it's important to constantly educate employees about parking across the street.

DeBroux questioned if it would be possible to get lines painted so everyone knows where the property lines are. Below said if you look at the map, the black line shows the actual parcel line, so the Village owns more land back there than we thought. It was mentioned that someone was out there surveying a year or two ago and had posts about where the lines ended. Harms thought it was probably for the mortgage survey when Lynch bought the property. He asked if Below wanted to contact Lynch for a copy of it. Below said that he would. DeBroux said he was asking because, in terms of placement of the dumpsters, maybe we have more options than we realize based on the fact that the Village owns more property than they think. Below said he'll get a hold of Pelliteri and set up a meeting with them, in addition to getting a hold of Paul Lynch and see if he's got a survey of the area. Thiel suggested a sign for no community dumping in the area and stated that it would be nice for Pelliteri to segregate who's using which portion of the dumpsters. Donovan responded that, as much as he agrees that Pelliteri should be involved in this, he doesn't think we need to get in the middle, as a public entity, of the billing process. He doesn't disagree about being billed separately, but doesn't think the committee functions in that role. DeBroux agreed with this and stated that they have some facts on how much they're dumping so there's a way to pro-rate it.

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Harms responded that if Senor Peppers would be more comfortable with keeping their 2 locked dumpsters for themselves and the other businesses wanted to share dumpsters, it would be up to them to come up with rules and regulations. He concluded that the Village as a whole can move ahead as far as supplying them with the space and see what we can do with some basic numbers as far as giving them a designated area. This has been an ongoing problem for a long time and it's only going to get worse. Harms asked for any further input and thanked everybody for taking the time to come to the meeting.

4. **Adjournment:** Donovan moved to adjourn the Special Public Works & Utility Committee meeting at 7:42 am on Thursday, August 12, 2010. Seconded by Way.

Submitted by,
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