

**MINUTES OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
PLYMOUTH, MINNESOTA
April 24, 1968**

A special meeting of the Village Council was called to order by Mayor Al Hilde, Jr. at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Mayor Hilde, Councilmen O'Fallon, Hagen and Hunt, the Village Administrator and Engineer.

Absent: Councilman Humphrey (Out of town on business)

Mayor Hilde opened the meeting with discussion of the requirements of the subdivision ordinance. The question was raised regarding the boulevard sodding requirements and the Engineer explained that it was required to prevent erosion and to give the subdivision a neater appearance. He also stated that every other suburb in the metropolitan area had similar requirements and this requirement tended to assist in preserving the edges of the paving. **RE: PLATTING & SUBD. REQUIREMENTS**

The next requirement discussed was the requirement that subdividers escrow \$.03 per square foot on the area within the plat to cover present and future storm sewer costs in their particular drainage district. Councilman Hagen stated that effectively Plymouth apparently has shut off platting within the Village by this \$.03 requirement and it appears that from talking to the Attorney that other problems could arise from this requirement if individuals who had paid \$.03 per square foot had a storm sewer problem, the Village would be forced into the position of putting in a project and assessing areas beyond those who have the particular problem and who have paid the \$.03 per square foot. He further stated that he believes that if the \$.03 per square foot requirement is eliminated, then storm sewer installed by the Village should be assessed at 100 percent of the cost rather than the present 60 percent being assessed and the Village assuming the remaining 4 percent from ad valorem tax.

MOTION by Councilman Hunt, second by Councilman Hagen, to instruct the Attorney to prepare a resolution stating that the Village from the date of said resolution will assess 100 percent of storm sewer project costs and will discontinue its present 40 percent general tax contribution. Motion passed by a three aye vote. Councilman O'Fallon voted nay.

MOTION by Councilman Hunt, second by Councilman Hagen, to instruct the Village Attorney to prepare an ordinance revising our subdivision ordinance to eliminate the \$.03 per square foot escrow from the storm sewer requirements for subdivision developments. Motion passed by a four aye vote.

Discussion ensued regarding the requirement that the Village Engineer design and supervise construction of all storm sewer, sanitary sewer and water within the Village. Councilman Hagen stated that the reason for the establishment of this requirement was to first of all, insure that all improvements within the Village, water, storm sewer and sanitary sewer, would be put in properly and would conform to the over all Village utility design, secondly, to place one individual responsible for the design and construction, and thirdly, to eliminate duplicate engineering costs.

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Mr. Knutson, of McCoombs-Knutson, Inc., stated that in the layout of plats, economics could be had in staking if the same engineer who was platting the project put in the sanitary sewer, water, storm sewer and other improvements. Mr. Roger Fazendin stated he believed the projects could be put in more economically by private enterprise than by the Village. Mayor Hilde stated he believed Councilman Hagen's reasons to be sound and felt that the restriction of free enterprise by such a requirement bothered him. Councilman Hunt and Councilman O'Fallon both stated they would be interested in discussing the matter further but they felt that the reason behind the present ordinance was sound. The Administrator stated the purpose of any exercise of control or direction of the construction and placement of public utilities within the Village was to insure that the Village in the ensuing years will not be saddled with high maintenance costs due to fault, construction or inadequate inspection or supervision. Action regarding this particular matter was deferred for further study.

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NOTION by Councilman Hagen, second by Councilman O'Fallon, to adjourn the meeting at 11:38 p.m.

Al Hilde, Jr., Mayor

Attest: Gerald Splinter, Clerk-Administrator