

**MINUTES**  
**CITY OF DARIEN**  
**MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE**

**June 23, 2025**

**PRESENT:** Alderman Thomas Belczak – Chairman, Alderman Ted Schauer, Alderman Ralph Stompanato

**ABSENT:** None

**OTHERS:** Mr. Dan Gombac – Director

**Establish Quorum**

Chairperson Thomas Belczak called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. at the City of Darien City Hall, 1702 Plainfield Road, Darien, Illinois. Chairperson Belczak declared a quorum present.

**Old Business**

There was no old business to discuss.

**New Business**

- a. Motion – Accepting the unit price proposal from St. Aubin Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., for the purchase and installation of the 2025 Parkway Tree Program in an amount not to exceed \$130,465.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be one of the biggest tree contracts in years due to the \$100,000 grant the City received in which they would bid out for \$100,000 in trees plus the annual inventory. He reported that there were four qualified bidders and that St. Aubin had the lowest bid. He further reported that the tree program would be run slightly differently due to the arborists diversifying the tree inventory and that resident choices on trees would be limited.

There was some discussion regarding places where trees may be replaced

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Motion accepting the unit price proposal from St. Aubin Nursery & Landscaping, Inc., for the purchase and installation of the 2025 Parkway Tree Program in an amount not to exceed \$130,465.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- b. Motion – Authorizing the City Administrator to execute the Intergovernmental Antenna and Equipment Space Agreement with the DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) to locate telecommunications equipment on the Darien cell towers located at 1041 S. Frontage Road.**

Mr. Gombac reported that back in 2019 DU-COMM had utilized some vacant space in the shed for electronic equipment and that they are now requesting more space for back-up equipment. He reported that this space would not be needed by or cost anything to the City.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve a Motion authorizing the City Administrator to execute the Intergovernmental Antenna and Equipment Space Agreement with the DuPage Public Safety Communications (DU-COMM) to locate telecommunications equipment on the Darien cell towers located at 1041 S. Frontage Road.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- c. Motion – Approving to execute a contract with Compass Minerals America, Inc., for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$109,582.92.**

Mr. Gombac reported that they would be early to get the contract as a joint co-op with DuPage County. He reported that there has been a significant decrease in salt usage over the years and that there would be plenty for the upcoming winter. He further reported that he would be working on a report to compare salt usage versus beat juice.

There was some discussion regarding how much salt would fit in the shed.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Motion approving to execute a contract with Compass Minerals America, Inc., for the purchase of rock salt in an amount not to exceed \$109,582.92.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- d. Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Center Cass School District #66 for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2025/26 Rock Salt Agreement.**
- e. Resolution – Authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien Park District for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2025/26 Rock Salt Agreement.**

There was no discussion on these items prior to the vote.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with Center Cass School District #66 for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2025/26 Rock Salt Agreement and to approve a Resolution authorizing the Mayor to execute an Intergovernmental Agreement with the Darien Park District for the reimbursement of Rock Salt through the City's 2025/26 Rock Salt Agreement.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

There was some discussion regarding opening this program to other schools in Darien.

- f. Motion – Accepting a quote from Goldy Locks, Inc., to remove and install a new man door, including the door, frame and hardware at the Public Works Water Plant 2, at a cost not to exceed \$5,246.05.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be to replace a commercial door in a garage which had never been changed before.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Motion accepting a quote from Goldy Locks, Inc., to remove and install a new man door, including the door, frame and hardware at the Public Works Water Plant 2, at a cost not to exceed \$5,246.05.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- g. Motion – Authorizing the purchase of six new Schonstedt GA-92XTD locators with hard cases from Midwest Surveying Instruments, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,158.**

Mr. Gombac reported that these are essentially metal detectors that help locate property pins, buffalo boxes, storm sewer infrastructures, and more. He reported that the equipment would be replaced on six trucks and the old equipment would be up for resale.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve a Motion authorizing the purchase of six new Schonstedt GA-92XTD locators with hard cases from Midwest Surveying Instruments, Inc., in an amount not to exceed \$7,158.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- h. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Apex Industrial Automation for the purchase, removal, and installation of four Variable Frequency Drives, (VFD) at Plants #2 and 75<sup>th</sup> Street in an amount of \$28,920.34.**

Mr. Gombac reported that the VFD controllers would size up to about 1.5 feet high, 1.5 feet long and 1.5 feet deep, and that they would take in electricity from ComEd and transfer it to motors. He reported that they all need replacement and would continue to be replaced every 10 years.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Motion accepting a proposal from Apex Industrial Automation for the purchase, removal, and installation of four Variable Frequency Drives, (VFD) at Plants #2 and 75<sup>th</sup> Street in an amount of \$28,920.34.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- i. Motion – Accepting a proposal from Connelly Electric for the purchase, removal and installation of three backup generators at the City Hall, Police Department and Water Plant #2 in an amount not to exceed \$493,000 and a contingency in the amount of \$15,000 for unforeseen related items.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this was a carry-over from about two years ago which required some outside help to specify the proper generator. He reported that the old generators had cost thousands in repairs. He further reported that the new generators had been checked out by an electrical engineer and that they would be switching to diesel. Mr. Gombac reported that generators burn cleaner now and would optimize on efficiency, greenness and reliability.

There was some discussion regarding how well the generators would work in the winter.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Motion accepting a proposal from Connelly Electric for the purchase, removal and installation of three backup generators at the City Hall, Police Department and Water Plant #2 in an amount not to exceed \$493,000 and a contingency in the amount of \$15,000 for unforeseen related items.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

- j. Motion – Authorizing Private Property Storm Water Management Assistance Projects.**

Mr. Gombac reported that these projects would be for rear yard drainage and/or special public works projects, and that these programs have been very successful. He outlined the three projects, stating that the first would take place on Sawyer in two parts, the second would take place as a joint co-op with Downers Grove, and the third would be on Wilmette and Ironwood, and that there would be contingency in place in case of any additional projects needed.

There was some discussion regarding the project on Sawyer.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve a Motion Authorizing Private Property Storm Water Management Assistance Projects.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**k. Resolution – Approving the 2025 City of Darien Zoning Map for publication.**

Mr. Gombac reported that this would be for an annual state requirement to update the zoning map.

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to approve a Resolution approving the 2025 City of Darien Zoning Map for publication.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**l. Minutes – May 27, 2025 Municipal Services Committee**

There was no one in the audience wishing to present public comment.

**Alderman Schauer made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Stompanato to approve the May 27, 2025 Municipal Services Committee Meeting Minutes.**

**Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY 3-0.**

**Director's Report**

Mr. Gombac reported that construction has been doing well on roads and that the concrete program had been a success. He further reported that the Plainfield Road project would be moving along.

**Next Scheduled Meeting**

Chairperson Belczak announced that the next meeting is scheduled for July 28, 2025.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**With no further business before the Committee, Alderman Stompanato made a motion, and it was seconded by Alderman Schauer to adjourn. Upon voice vote, the MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.**

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:**

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Thomas Belczak  
Chairman

**X**

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Ted Schauer  
Alderman

**X**

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Ralph Stompanato  
Alderman