

Public Works Committee Meeting
March 21, 2024
Minutes

Called to Order: @ 4:30 pm

Present: Chairman - Chairman - Trustee Steve Nero, Trustee Bruce Barker, Trustee Linda Liddle, Trustee Marie Guzzo, Trustee Frank Brady, Mayor Ron Gunter, Trustee Amylee Hogan-Simonovich Village Manager Steve May, Assistant Village Manager Spencer Parker, Village Clerk Jinny Szymiski, Public Works Director Amy Ries, Police Chief Gunther, Fleet Supervisor Virgil Viscuso, Forestry Supervisor Jon Yeater, Water Supervisor Brian Beusse, Street Supervisor Melissa Brendle, Community Development Director Joseph Hennerfeind.

Pledge of Allegiance

Approval of Minutes: Minutes from September 21, 2023 were approved by Trustee Liddle, second by Trustee Barker.

Unfinished Business:

- A. None

New Business:

- A. 2023 Annual Report: Staff Tenure, Training: Staff participated in over 2000 hours of safety training, over 1,750 hours dedicated to making special events a success.
- B. Grade Separated Pedestrian Crossing Update - Met with Metra earlier this week to discuss the underground crossing. Two options: a structure or an elevator.
- C. CIP Project Update - Completed projects: CBD Alley's H & G, Residential Alley 1S, Quincy Streetscape(Phase 1), Linden, Warwick & Dallas Water main improvements.

Reports :

A. Chairperson

- 1) Nothing

B. Public Works Director -

- 1) North Water Tower - Received letter regarding loan approval.
- 2) North Washington/Traube Water main project.

3) Restructuring Department - now 5 Divisions, each has a Foreman and a Supervisor.

C. Street Division

- 1) Safe Step - Cleared 230 hazards in Sycamore Run & Orchard Gate. Downtown area is next.
- 2) Alley's - gravel maintenance/rebuild.
- 3) Downtown bricks - remove bricks, level and smoothen before replacement.

D. Water Division

- 1) Started using AMI system
- 2) Lead service inventory - down to 220 unknown from 1,300 unknown
- 3) Remaining hydrants have been painted, all are now red.
- 4) Recently received confirmation that the Village will receive state funding for the North Water tower project.
- 5) Liberty Park - DuPage County allocated \$700,000 in ARPA funds for watermain installation. Need to make a formal request to the County in May of 2024 to reserve funds, prepare an IGA with County & township.

E. Fleet/Facilities Division

- 1) Dark Sky Initiative - The company we utilize, Sternberg, is now on the dark sky light website. Switch to a different pole, helix in ground has to be changed.
- 2) Auction - 11 vehicles and 7 pieces of equipment will be going to auction. Fee has been waived.
- 3) Fuel contract renewed - Village has saved \$50,000 by utilizing Al Warren.

F. Forestry & Grounds Division

- 1) Pocket Park concept - working on a couple of different designs. Possible areas for these parks: Toon lot(109 N. Cass), Burlington S curve(formerly 13-19 E. Burlington), 232 N. Cass, Naperville & Chicago.
- 2) Hanging Planters - Proposing to replace all planters with the Earth planter that we tested in 2022, and replaced some with in 2023.
- 3) Private Property Tree Planting Incentive - Will be funded by tree removal permit fees, will allow species diversity.

Meeting motioned to adjourn at 5:35 pm by Trustee Liddle, seconded by Trustee Barker. All in favor.