

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, August 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 6:00 p.m., Parkview Room**

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**1. Roll call.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Mr. Schindler

Present: Mr. Schindler, Mr. Koleski, Mr. Shepherd, Mr. Harley, Ms. Schneider and Mr. Zwirlein

Absent: Mr. Zwirlein and Mr. Euell

Also Present: Mr. Harrigan, Ms. Hughes and Mr. Paul

**2. Review and act on minutes for July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 Meeting.**

Mr. Shepherd moved to approve the July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 minutes as written. Mr. Koleski seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

**3: Update on Municipal Water**

Mr. Paul explained that Village Staff hosted the Preconstruction meeting for the Wauwatosa Water Main installation project on Tuesday 8/8/23. The projected start date of the project is the week of 9/4/23 and is estimated to last about 2 months including restoration. This is focusing on the main connection from Wauwatosa and down Watertown Plank Rd to the west. The loop through the neighborhood south of Watertown Plank Rd may or may not be completed this construction season depending on the number of crews DF Tomasini has available and weather/seasonal changes.

Mr. Koleski brought forward the concern about the monies from the residents for the connections and how that may impact the buy in. Mr. Harrigan informed the committee the Village can send follow-up letters to update the residents on the updated timeline once that is known. Mr. Koleski asked that the letter communicate flexibility as we navigate the project.

**4: Review and possible action on PP I/I project**

Mr. Paul informed the committee that on Tuesday, August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10:30 am, a bid opening was conducted for the PP I/I project. There were 3 bidders, with the lowest bid from Mid City Plumbing at \$498,900. Although this exceeded the approved funds for the project, MMSD has other options of funding this project since it has an approved work plan and ready to go. The options were provided to the committee for review, but there would be a gap in the funding based upon this year's funding available and the projected funding MMSD would have for 2024. Mr. Harrigan informed the committee that he was going to be meeting with Kevin Schaefer, the Executive Director of MMSD, later in the week and would discuss the concerns with him. The committee decided to table the discussion and possible recommendation for approval to the board until after the meeting and would entertain a special meeting if required. Mr. Koleski provided the motion and it was seconded Mr. Harley. Motion carried 5-0.

**5: Update on Gebhardt Rd reconstruction, realignment and pathway**

Mr. Paul referenced the updated progress of the Gebhardt Project laid out in a memo from Mr. Gesch, Project Engineer from Ruckert-Mielke. Curb work is next on the agenda, the retaining wall was near completion, and by late August, Stark Asphalt may be able to mobilize to start the binder. Mr. Shepherd inquired about the timing with school starting in regards to bus traffic. Mr. Paul would be reaching out to the bus company to update them on the timing and what closures they may face with a few private schools starting in the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Schindler did mention that on behalf of Ms. Strenitzky, who was present, that there would be a need to look at some drainage flows through the drainage easement that runs through her yard. Mr. Paul informed the committee that the engineer was working on calculations to consider the impact

and that he had already met with the resident. Once information and options present themselves, Mr. Paul will be in communication with Ms. Strenitzky.

#### **6: Review of 2028 DPW 5 Year Capital Budget Summary**

Mr. Paul provided a copy of the 2028 DPW 5 Year Capital Budget Summary covering the new items for 2028, as well as the previously approved items for 2024-2027. The new items include replacement items for existing equipment with a possible upgrade of the utility tractor to a versatile piece of equipment that would have the ability to assist with removal of snow along pathways as the projections of building more pathways has come to light, and the need for expanded operations. There was no action required by the committee and Mr. Koleski informed the committee members that this is going to part of the discussion of the Budget Workshops later in the month.

#### **7: Update on Public Works Projects**

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the DPW is still actively recruiting for the open position in the department after the last candidate rejected the offer based upon the grounds that they enjoyed their current 4 day work week, which is not an option here at the Village as DPW staff is also the daytime Fire Dept. There are 2 more candidates that will have scheduled interviews.

Mr. Paul also informed the committee that the PASER Ratings for 2023 are nearing completion and hopes to have a summary by the next PWUC meeting.

#### **8: Other Business**

Mr. Schindler brought to the committee a proposal from the Sustainability Committee to place 2 collection bins for textiles, via Milwaukee Textiles whom processes the products collected to either resale or industrial rags. There is no cost to the program and Milwaukee Textiles will pay the Village \$0.10/lb. During a garbage audit conducted earlier this summer, Ms. Strenitzky found that there was a large percentage of textiles thrown away during that pick up route and feels this is a way to keep additional items out of the landfill as well as earning a little extra money for the Village.

Mr. Shepherd suggested a second container may be placed near the St. Mary's Thrift Shop as they have quite a bit of product that doesn't make it into the store.

This item will be considered on a future Public Works and Utilities Committee agenda.

#### **9: Adjourn**

Mr. Shepherd motioned and Mr. Koleski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:10 pm Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully. Submitted  
Richard Paul, Jr.  
Public Works Director