

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, March 9th, 2026 5:30 pm, Parkview Room**

1. Roll call

The Public Works Utilities Committee meeting was called to order on Monday, March 9th, 2026, at 5:32 PM by Mr. Schindler.

Present: Mr. Schindler, Mr. Koleski (via Zoom), Mr. Eull, Ms. Schneider, Mr. Zwirlein, Mr. Harley and Mr. Olson

Absent: Mr. Harley

Also Present: Mr. Harrigan & Mr. Paul, Mr. Travis Brush of KL Engineering and some, Ms. F residents whom reside adjacent to the Highland Pathway project.

2. Review and act on minutes from January 12th, 2026 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes as amended with minor edits was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Zwirlein, and passed unanimously.

4. Review and act on request by John Kannal, 1045 Highland Dr, for a consideration of a modification to the Highland Drive Pathway plans as it relates to his driveway access and safety concerns.

Mr. Olson motioned to move item 4 to item 3. Seconded by Mr. Zwirlein, passed unanimously.

Mr. Kannal of 1045 Highland Dr. requested that the committee consider modification in the pathway plans to accommodate his concerns for safe navigation out of his driveway by allowing him to keep his turnaround area available to him either in concrete as is or in asphalt.

Mr. Brush and Village staff have conducted multiple meetings with Mr. Kannal over the last month. The conflict on the Village's behalf is also in consideration of the safety of pathway users.

Although the committee understood Mr. Kannal's concerns, the fact that he still has an area on his property in that general area, and the fact that he would be able to utilize that area as his turnaround, the committee decided to maintain the plans as they stand and uphold the 90% plans to make way to finalize them for bidding.

Motion by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Mr. Olson and passed unanimously.

5. Review and possible action on Intergovernmental Cooperative Agreement (ICA) with MMSD for tree planting

Mr. Olson motioned to move item 5 to item 4. Seconded by Mr. Eull, passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed the draft Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District and the Village of Elm Grove to enter into

an agreement to plant 900 trees in Village Park at no upfront cost to the Village. An 11-year conservation easement and maintenance responsibilities as it relates to watering is what will be required by the Village.

Ms. Freischberger of MMSD, explained that through its Reforestation and Wetland Restoration Program, the District seeks to plant six million trees and restore 4,000 acres of wetlands to help manage stormwater and bring additional local benefits of water and air quality improvement, reduction in the urban heat island effect, and habitat restoration. Ms. Freischberger explained the details of the program, how it would be spearheaded by Nicci Sternitzky of the Beautification committee and that although there is hope all of the trees will be successful, they understand that attrition is a reality and that as long as the Village makes its best efforts, it will be a successful program and a way to reforest an area of the park that was decimated years earlier by Emerald Ash Borer.

The committee asked its questions relative to the conservation easements and wanted to ensure the Village Forester was involved with review of the species list. Mr. Harrigan did inform the committee that the agreement would be further reviewed by the Village Attorney.

Mr. Eull recommended approval of the ICA to the Board of Trustees, seconded by Mr. Zwirlein and passed unanimously.

3. Update and review of 90% plans for Highland Dr Pathway Project 2026

Mr. Travis Brush of KL Engineering presented the 90% pathway plans. Included in the packet are the 90% plans, updated estimate and a plan narrative.

Thus far Mr. Brush and Village Staff have completed numerous site visits with residents along the project with a couple more to finish up early this week. MMSD has confirmed that this project can proceed and they will work with the Village on future projects.

Items in the discussion included the easement at 1255 Highland Dr, retaining wall details and modifications including a discussion on the inclusion of a small split rail fence on a section of retaining wall, utility coordination, traffic control, crossing at Juneau Blvd and status of coordination with the railroad near the track crossing at Watertown Plank Rd.

The comments from the committee will be included in the finalized design and ready for advertisement on Friday, March 20th, 2026 with a bid let date of Thursday, April 9th, 2026.

The construction start date is anticipated to being in June with a substantial completion date of September 4th, 2026.

6. Review and possible action on ordinance revisions as the relate to CH 325 Water Control

After a review of ordinance revision by the Legislative Committee, the draft changes came back to Public Works Utilities for final approval and recommendation to the Board.

The changes are to align with the NR151 Construction Site Performance Standards under DNR Code Run Off Management. This revision was to codify current practices that are already underway and will not add any additional workload or any additional burden on homeowners.

Motion to accept and recommend revisions be adopted to Chapter 325 Water Control to the Board of Trustees was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Eull, and passed unanimously.

7. Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul is working with Dan Erickson, City Engineer of Brookfield, to possibly include a 225-foot segment of Cloverhill Rd located in the City of Brookfield that connects the Village Limits with North Ave. The intent is to include this segment in the pave bid to provide a consistent transition of roadway while equipment is mobilized for work in the Village. If the City decides to move forward, the Village will draft an agreement that will require the City of Brookfield pay for work done in their jurisdiction based upon the awarded unit bid prices.

8. Other Business

Mr. Harrigan informed the committee that staff and Mr. Petersen conducted a site visit at the Park and Shop to review details required to develop a bid for moving the sign. The Village will hold the contract for the relocation of this sign.

Mr. Harrigan informed the committee that the daylighting project is moving forward with some meetings on site with Stantec, Village Staff and utility representatives focusing on utility coordination with a majority of the focus on transformer and power pole relocation as well as working with the logistics of the communication and cable contractors in tandem with CW Purpero to install the box culverts near the DPW entrance.

Solar Lighting Project has been put on hold at the moment for Village Hall to focus on the larger project bidding and coordination.

Mr. Paul has been working with Ruekert-Mielke on a number of neighborhood drainage reviews, one of which is Ridgemoor Dr. The details of that review should be available within the next week or so, at which time staff will review and follow up with the residents.

9. Adjourn

Motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Olson, seconded by Mr. Zwirlein, and passed unanimously. Adjourned 7:22 pm.