

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 12th, 2022 6:00 p.m., Park View Room**

1. Roll call.

Meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm by Mr. Schindler

Present: Mr. Schindler, Mr. Koleski, Mr. Casperson, Mr. McNamara, Ms. Cornell and Via Zoom Mr. Coons

Absent: Mr. Harley

Also Present: Mr. De Angelis, Ms. Hughes, and Mr. Paul

2. Review and act on minutes for August 8th, 2022 Meeting.

Mr. McNamara moved and Mr. Casperson seconded to approve the August 8th, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Review and Recommendation of Transportation Fund and Paving.

Ms. Hughes went through the updated handout materials regarding the transportation fund and road rankings. There was further discussion and review on the funding options and how future roads would be funded going forward with a focus on how all of the Village's streets would factor in knowing that we are currently waiting on the results on whether or not the Village would receive funding for Gebhardt.

At this time it is still unknown about the grant funding for the Gebhardt Rd.

The Committee appreciated reviewing how the bridges and pathways fit into the overall transportation fund. It was reiterated that the bridges would be rated in fall of this year and that there may be more options for grant funding for some of these, with the Village Hall Legion entrance bridge rating as the priority at this time.

There was also a discussion amongst the committee about pathways versus road improvements and where the data is that supports this idea of moving pathways as a priority. Mr. Schindler brought forward that the fact that there have been 3 surveys which garnered 90% support of residents in favor of the pathways and willing to pay more taxes for them. The surveys dated 1989 and 2011 were village wide surveys and the 2021 survey reached the quadrant near the north end of Highland Dr which was conducted by Marquette University engineering graduate students. Mr. Koleski brought to the committee the idea that it may be reasonable to consider taking on debt in the near future to handle what seems to be a challenge to get ahead of the problem but utilizing budgeting and grants to accomplish it.

After these discussions the committee felt it was reasonable to forward the present plan onto the Finance Committee to continue the discussion on how to come up with a funding plan that utilizes all the tools available to reach the goals and understanding that this plan will be reviewed annually and updated based on then current conditions and needs.

Mr. Koleski moved to recommend approval of the current 10 year plan to be reviewed and action carried 6-0.

4. Review of and act on Crack Seal Bid

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the bid results of the Crack Seal Project for Juneau Blvd provided only one bidder. The bidder, Thunder Road, LLC did land within the budgeted projection for the work and has completed other projects in the Village to the satisfaction of expectations.

Mr. Koleski moved to recommend the approval of Thunder Road, LLC's bid to the Board of Trustees, seconded by Ms. Cornell. Motion carried 6-0.

5. Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the final lift of asphalt was placed on Watertown Plank last week with turf restoration and line striping to take place in the next week or so. The striping contractor will be contacting Mr. Paul next week with a schedule.

Mr. Paul also informed the Committee that there was an instance of an SSO (Sanitary Sewer Overflow) that occurred at the Squires Grove bypass station into the Dousman Ditch to prevent backups in residences in that sewer basin. Notification to the public, DNR and MMSD was completed.

Mr. Paul also reminded the committee that the Recycle Center opens 7 days a week beginning October 15th and not October 1st as there has been an influx inquiries of that as of recent. Everything is posted on the Village's website and at the Recycle Center.

12. Other Business

Ms. Cornell asked about the status of the monument pillar project at Morningside. Mr. Paul confirmed that the contractor (Monahan Masonry) was out a couple weeks back to begin prep work so the new footings could be installed this week or next.

Mr. De Angelis also added that Crown Castle (working for Verizon Wireless) has submitted their completed documentation of the fiber easement that began a few years back.

13. Adjourn

Mr. Koleski motioned and Ms. Cornell seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:02 pm Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully. Submitted

Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director