

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
October 3, 2023 – 7:17 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee (7:07 am)	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Samuel Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Other Attendees:	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Ryan Marion, Code Official	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Bruce Hill, Novotny Engineering	X

The meeting was opened by Trustee Boyce at 7:17 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes from August 22, 2023, meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Halloween Hours** – The hours proposed are the same as last years: 5 – 7 pm. The committee recommended that the same hours be advertised.
- **2024 MFT** – Mr. Hanley and Mr. Hill have driven the streets and have created a list of roads that need to be repaired. The list of roads is ranked from worst to best. Estimated available funds will be \$1,283,000.
- **E-Chargers Use Report** – Mr. Hanley presented the reports from July, August and September. The reports do show that the chargers are being used.
- **CH-9 Improvement Update** – Mr. Hanley had a meeting with the Kankakee County Highway Department and with Illinois Department of Transportation in reference to the

improvements of County Highway 9 from I-57 to Rt. 45/52. The proposal is for a five-lane road with a stop light at Spruce Street and possibly a stop light at Rt. 45/52. The project may go out for bid in the spring of 2024 with a proposed start time of spring/summer 2024. A multi-use path will also be part of the project. This project has been part of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for approximately five years. The MPO is a multi-jurisdictional group that works on transportation planning for the Kankakee Metropolitan area. A public meeting will be hosted at Risen Savior Lutheran Church on 10/27/23 from 5-7 pm.

- **Oktoberfest Recap** – Mr. Hanley is preparing a spreadsheet with the hours that his department put in on the work of Oktoberfest. There were no issues from the Police Department. He congratulated Jakob Knox and the event.
- **Sale of the Existing PW Building** – Mr. LaRocque stated that title work has been ordered by the Village Attorney. A right of way parcel was found that lined up with 2000 East Road. The parcel was never vacated, so the process will come back to village to vacate the right of way so that the school district can purchase that portion of the property. No closing date has been set.
- **Walnut Street Light Project** – A preconstruction meeting on site last week with hope to start today. KVCC is coordinating with the Legion about any events that they may be hosting. Signage will be erected. The estimated time frame is one month – weather dependent.
- **New Public Works Facility Update** – Personnel are working at moving some items into the new facility. Salt Shed is almost complete. The open house for the facility will be 10/14/23 from 9 am – noon.
- **Thies Park Update** – Mr. Hill stated that the placement of the bathrooms needs to be revisited. The preferred spot is either option B or C, which puts it closer to the new parts of the park. Placing it on the west side of the property may help with the wind. Phase 1 of the improvement is out for bid now; Phase 2 will go out for bid in the winter.

Trustee Crockett asked about the area between each different types of activities as to whether it will be grass or pavement. Mr. Hill stated it is planned as grass. The wiffle ball field will be turf. Trustee Gesky stated it might be a good idea to add turf around the sand volleyball court.

- **Parks Update** – MYSA Soccer, fall baseball and Wildcat Football are all underway in our parks. On 10/21/23, Wildcat Football will host the playoffs at Legacy Park. They may ask to have food trucks at the event. The village does require a permit for the food trucks. Overfall parking may be able to use the new parking lot at the Public Works Department.

- **Equipment Update** – Mr. Hanley stated that he has test driven three different utility vehicles and would like to have approval to purchase a Kubota RTV for \$44,201.26. The approval will be placed on the next village board meeting. The 2017 Polaris will be kept until it no longer runs.

All trucks are in good shape and ready for snow removal. There may be a need for some more racking to help with organizing the building.

The temporary fix at the jumping pillow pump will become the permanent fix with some added piping.

Motion by Trustee Gesky, seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn meeting at 7:44 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk