

**Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Public Works Committee  
August 27, 2019 – 7:00 a.m.  
Village Hall Conference Room**

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Samuel Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Ryan Marion, Code Official	X
Sarah Marion, Event Cord	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Geoff Aggen, Village Eng.	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Meeting was opened by Trustee Boyce at 7:00 a.m.

There was a quorum.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Dole, second by Trustee Phillips to approve the minutes from July 23, 2019 meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation

No action items.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Ornamental Grasses – Code Enforcement** – A resident had approached Mr. Marion concerned about a neighbor’s ornamental grasses. They had stated that they would be attending the meeting today, but there was no one in attendance. Mr. Marion stated that the resident would like to have an ordinance put in place about cutting the grasses during a certain time of years. Mr. Marion stated that this would be hard to enforce. Trustee Crockett stated that this is probably a neighborhood dispute.
  
- **Banner Distribution** – The Hometown Hero banner program is in its second year. Mr. LaRocque has prepared a notice that will be emailed or mailed to those participants who will be finishing their second

year. The notice will have a deadline on when the banners need to be picked up. If they want to participate again for another two (2) years, they will be required to pay another \$100 for a new banner.

- **Slip Lining Storm Pipe Under Maple** – Mr. Hanley stated that there have been several sinkholes develop over the last few years on Maple Street. Each time they are fixed another one will develop. It has been found that the storm pipe had a clay tile underneath that failed which then caused a problem with the storm pipe. Mr. Hanley is concerned that they clay tile will continue to fail, and he would like to see the storm pipe slip lined. The approximate cost to slip line the area is \$25,000 to \$50,000. Mayor Nugent asked why there are pipes that need attention when Maple Street was improved several years ago. Mr. Hanley did not know the answer to this. It was suggested to check with Manteno Drainage District concerning the clay tile. Trustee Gesky stated it could be wasteful to spend \$25,000 on the slip lining if another area would fail or the clay tile fails. The consensus was to wait to see if it fails again and then fix it correctly.
  
- **Project Updates**
  - **First Street Parking Lot** – Mr. Aggen stated that the project is moving along as planned. There was some new concrete work added along the north side of First Street. The village is waiting on some unit prices from the contractor. Tenco Excavation will finish their portion of the work this week. The landscaper will be come in later this week or early next week. The asphalt contractor will come in on Thursday after Labor Day. The target completion date is September 24<sup>th</sup> if not sooner.
  - **Square on 2<sup>nd</sup>** – The demo will start with the brick coming off tomorrow. After that is completed the building will then be taken down. A faux stone wall fence has been ordered and will be placed at the alley. The Village will need a variance to place an eight (8') foot fence along the alley instead of the allowed six (6'). The Mayor would also like to see lights added the fence since the area will be darker.
    - Fountain – The contractor is waiting on the product so when it they are ready to switch out the light boards the fountain will be closed for several days. Mayor Nugent asked about how long should the fountain be used until it is shut down for winter. The splash pad in Legacy Park is winterized after Labor Day, but the fountain may want to allow it to run longer. The lights can be used all winter, Mr. Hanley will also look into the idea of some sort of clear statute that could be placed over the lights. Ms. Marion is looking for an ice sculptor for Santa on the Square. The sculptors could also be placed over the lights.
    - Swing – Mayor Nugent asked if another swing could be constructed along the east or west side of the fireplace.
    - Crosswalk signs have been erected on Walnut Street to help slow down traffic and to caution drivers that a crosswalk area is located on the street.
  
- **Vehicle Update** – Mr. Hanley stated that using the older plows would not be cost effective and the trade-in values would be affected with the plows off. Mr. Hanley recommended to purchase new plows with the new trucks. One of the old trucks has a tommy lift gate and Mr. Hanley would like to have one of the new trucks also have the same feature. This will add an additional \$2000 to the cost of the truck.

The price is a state bid price. Approval of the purchase of the trucks will be added the Village Board meeting agenda. It will be at least four (4) weeks before the trucks are delivered.

- **Public Works Addition** – Mr. Hanley stated that there have been several meetings where building a new public works facility was discussed. The Village does not have property where a new facility could be built. Mr. Hanley would like to propose an addition to the current facility on South Oak Street and possibly a building that could be used for storage to be built on South Main Street. Mr. Hanley presented a drawing showing a building with three (3) – four (4) overhead doors for South Oak Street. The approximate cost for each building would be \$200,000. Mr. Hanley will prepare some building options to get better cost estimates. Mr. Marion will check the elevations for any flood plain issues.
- **Parks & Recreation Commission Update** – Mr. Hanley gave an update from the Parks and Recreation Commission:
  - They would also like to see a Concession stand/Bathroom building built in Legacy Park.
  - They are looking at equipment updates at Jacobs, Heritage and Ruder parks.
  - They are still interested in adding musical instruments in the old Farmer’s Market area on South Main Street
  - They would like to add a bocce ball court at Eddie Reed Park.

Trustee Dole exited at 7:58 am

Trustee Crockett exited at 7:59 am

- **Misc.**
  - The tree debris at Legacy Park still needs to be removed. The use of a burner curtain from IDOT will not be allowed as IDOT did not deem the storm a disaster. Mr. Hanley has a price of \$9000 from a company that will bring a drum chipper and loader. Mr. Aggen will also ask about a burn permit, but with I-57 near the area it will probably not be allowed.
  - Mr. LaRocque stated that the village electronic sign has issues and parts are not available anymore. The sign is 8 years old. Mr. LaRocque also stated that the village will need to budget for a new roof for the village hall during next fiscal year.

Motion by Trustee Boyce, seconded by Mayor Nugent to adjourn meeting at 8:04 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk*