

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
February 27, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	X
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	
Samuel Martin, Trustee	
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	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Bruce Hill, Novotny Engineering	X

Trustee Boyce opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Dole, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to approve the minutes from January 23, 2024, meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Banner Ideas** – Mr. Hanley presented an idea for a new banner. The committee was not in favor of the design. Mr. Hanley will reach out to the school art department and see if any ideas can be prepared.
- **Henrickson Park** – Mr. Hanley presented a plan to update the skateboard and basketball area at the park. Mr. Hanley will check with other communities on the use of the skateboard areas. Mr. Hanley stated that the department could just paint the equipment to give a fresh look. Mr. Hanley will also contact SRO Tobeck to see if there are kids that are using the park.
- **Thies Park Project (Park Sign)** – Mr. Hanley provided a cost of \$18,500 for stone and masonry to add a monument sign at the Thies Park project. Public Works Department would pour the concrete and plaques would be ordered. It would be a smaller version of

our current monument signs.

- **Gateway Entry Signs for East & West Sides of Town** – Mr. Hanley stated that IDOT does not allow a permanent foundation on the state right-way at the corner of Rt. 45 & Hwy 9. The committee suggested that the project be held until County Highway 9 is updated and completed.
- **MFT** – Mr. Hill stated that his firm will be providing the Professional Services Agreement paperwork to the village to oversee the MFT program for 2024. If the village wishes to add more streets to the program the village will probably have to pay using local funds instead of adding to the MFT program. Mr. Hill stated that asphalt costs are the same as last year. Concrete costs are also holding the same.
- **Leo Hassett Community Center Remodel** – Mr. Hanley presented a preliminary cost of \$35,000 - \$36,000 for the remodel. Mr. LaRocque stated that \$50,000 had been budgeted for the remodel.
- **Quiet Zone for Railroad Crossings Update** – Mr. Hill stated that the evaluation of all five crossings starts the process. Mr. LaRocque has an email from our insurance company stating that there would be no increase in rates as long as all federal and state requirements are followed. Mr. Hill had spoken to the Village of Crete, who had instituted this a few years ago and they have not seen an increase in insurance rates. Mr. Hill stated that the process is lengthy.
- **CH-9 Widening and I-57 Overpass Project Update** – Mr. Hanley stated there is no update. A scheduled meeting was cancelled
- **Legacy Park South Parking Lot, Path & Pond** – Mr. Hill stated the survey department was able to get out to the area to start the survey. Once the survey is complete it will go to the design area. Mr. Hill has been using a fishing pier in Frankfort Square as an example of what the villages might look like.
- **Fiber Network Right-a-way** – Mr. Hill stated that a provider meeting is being scheduled in the next few weeks. There are 12-13 companies on the list.
- **E-chargers Use Report** – There was no use in January.

Mr. Hanley stated that the village test drove a battery powered incline mower. The name of the company was Racco and is out of Czechoslovakia. Mr. Hanley may also look at another remote-control mower.

- **Parks Update** –
 - Mr. Hanley presented a sketch of what the wraps will look like on the dugouts at Heritage Park. They will give some shade and a windbreak. The cost is approximately \$1000 per dugout. Roofs are almost complete on the dugouts. The netting company needed to update their cost due to prevailing wage requirement. The new cost is \$28,200. Mr. Hanley will check on other companies that supply netting.

- Mr. Hanley stated the cost to add turf to the southwest corner of the Square will be \$186,000. The existing area near the trees would be \$75,000 to remove and replace the turf. Mr. Hanley stated he has concerns about the trees. Mr. Hanley stated that the trees have bolts and guide wires holding the trees. Mr. Hanley will get a sample of the new product to see how it matches against the old turf.
- **Equipment Update** – Items for FY 24-25 Budget
 - Signage on Public Works vehicles – Mr. Hanley presented a sketch of new signage for new trucks.
 - Salt Shed garage door
 - Concrete pad and blocks to store stone, mulch, etc.
 - Sweeper overhaul
 - Utility trailer – to fit three mowers
 - Kubota mower – another one
 - Walk behind Harley rake
 - Compactor
 - Remodel of Heritage Park Concession Stand

Motion by Trustee Boyce, seconded by Trustee Dole, to adjourn meeting at 7:50 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk