

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
March 23, 2021 – 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	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
Sarah Marion, Marketing 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 Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Phillips, to approve the minutes from February 23, 2021 meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Merchant Park** – Mayor Nugent stated that there will be some updates to the area when the LOVE Locks letters are installed. There will be some added lighting, trimming of trees and astro-turf.

There will be some other areas in the downtown that will have astro-turf added.

- **Oktoberfest** – Ms. Marion presented a change in the way Oktoberfest will be conducted. There will be no beer tent. Local bars will be setup serving stations outside their business. Wrist bands will be required and sold to those eligible to drink. Patrons will be allowed to walk around the downtown area within the parameters of the festival. There

will be three (3) stage areas setup in various areas of downtown. Police are recommending the closure of Walnut Street along with the other street closures. Times for bands playing and serving of outside liquor sales will be closed earlier than in the past. Food vendors will also be spread out through the downtown area. Mr. LaRocque will contact the Village Attorney for any required changes to village ordinances to allow for selling of liquor outside bars.

- **Curwick Duplex Project** – Mayor Nugent presented another concept from Mr. Curwick for his East Village Development of constructing duplexes in the southeast side of the development. This area is closest to the sewer & water. The project does not meet certain village requirements for duplexes. Mr. LaRocque had recommended to Mr. Curwick that he consider this a PUD project. Mr. Gesky does not want to have a PUD with roads not meeting village standards. Mr. LaRocque stated that the road could be built to village standards and accepted by the village for us to maintain. This could be a stipulation of the annexation agreement. Mayor Nugent stated that if this project met all village requirements, there would be no issues for this project to be built. However, with the project not meeting village requirement it might be an issue. Trustee Dole stated that there are too many variants and would like to see the project closer to the village requirements. Mr. LaRocque will talk to Mr. Curwick.
- **Pub Camera Update** – Mr. Marion showed a preview of the cameras that are installed at the Pub. Mr. Marion and Chief Swinford are working on the next area for cameras at McDonalds. Mr. LaRocque stated that Comcast will be bringing internet to Heritage Park so cameras will be allowed to be installed in that area using the internet connection. This will allow the cameras to be viewed from village computers or on phones.
- **Legacy Park** – Mr. Hanley presented a rendering of the proposed concession stand at Legacy Park. Manteno Township has given their approval of the design. Mr. Hanley will get the final drawings from Clarey and then prepare the bid documents. Layout for bathrooms has been prepared and Mr. Hanley will submit to a few local plumbers for an idea of costs.

Mr. Aggen stated that the topo is almost done on the parking lot. The project will be advertised in May, rewarded in June with start date in July.

- **West Division Lights** – Mr. Hanley did not receive the sample floor baskets. The poles are in, but the Public Works department needs to finish a few other projects before beginning on this one.
- **Section Line Light Project** – Mr. Hanley has received the light heads and hopes to receive the poles later this week. Topo is completed in the area. The design is being started. A county permit will be required for the crossing to the control.

- **MFT** – The bid opening was held on March 18th. Gallagher was the low bid. The project will be awarded in April. The project cannot start before June 2nd and target completion date is August 13th.
- **Public Works New Location Update** – The contract has been delivered. The Village Attorney is working on a closing date. A survey has been ordered.
- **Parks Planning & Update -**
 - Mr. Hanley asked if the basketball hoops could be installed now that COVID restrictions have been eased. The committee had no objections for the install.
 - Port-a-johns will be ordered for all parks
 - Jumping pillow and zip-line – Mr. Hanley will clean the equipment with a product made especially for this type of equipment that is also safe for children. Village is looking for more Park Rangers.
 - Pickle Ball Bid opening is March 26th
 - Downtown Sidewalk repair bid opening is April 2nd
- **Equipment Update –**
 - The pick-up has been ordered
 - A new broom head for the John Deere tractor has been ordered
 - Mr. Hanley would like to see about purchasing two (2) smaller pick-ups in the FY 21-22 budget.
- **South Path Project Status Update** – Mr. Aggen stated that an agreement with the developer was reached on the alignment of the west leg through the Enclave. The topo is completed for the area along South Creek Drive and design is being prepared. The design on the other two (2) legs is also being completed. Target for advertising for bids is April 15th and open bids at the end of April with awarding the bid in May.
- **Misc.**
 - IDOT has had surveyors around the I-57 overpass and County Highway 9.
 - Negotiations for the Operators Engineers 150 contract will begin Thursday
 - The FOP will begin negotiations in mid-April.
 - Letters to remove objects placed by plaques in Memorial Park have been sent individuals who purchased the plaques.
 - Easter Egg Dash rain date will be April 6th.

Motion by Trustee Boyce, seconded by Trustee Gesky to adjourn meeting at 8:23 a.m.
Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk