

**Committee of the Whole Meeting  
Public Works Committee  
March 26, 2024 – 7:00 a.m.  
Village Board 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	
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	
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 7:17 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Phillips, seconded by Trustee Crockett, to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024, meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Health Insurance Update** – Mr. LaRocque presented a spreadsheet showing the options that were presented for renewal. After reviewing the options at a previous meeting, it was suggested to see how many employees it would affect if the village moved to a new Rx plan. Suzie Werner with HomeStar Insurance told us that a total of 5 employees would be affected in the drug tier change. The village will offer those employees reimbursement for the difference in the tiers.
- **Channel 4** – Mr. LaRocque stated that Channel 4 has been having technical difficulties due to old equipment. The viewing of Channel 4 is only for those residents who subscribe to Comcast. The village board meetings are also put on YouTube. The equipment would need to be replaced and the cost of that is not known. It is recommended to do away with the Channel 4 feed and use the YouTube feed instead. Eliminating the use of Channel 4

would also save the village a \$300 per month bill. Mr. LaRocque will make an announcement that the village will discontinue the use of Channel 4. Trustee Dole would still like to see what the costs are.

- **Heritage Park Dugouts & Field Improvements** – Mr. Hanley stated that four of the eight dugouts are completed. It is hoped to have the final four completed in the next week or so, weather dependent. The screens for the dugouts will also be placed on dugouts. MYBSL would like to see if the village would consider helping with the Pony Field update at a cost of approximately \$13,000. The approval for installation of netting will be placed on the next board agenda. The item had been on an agenda at an earlier meeting but was pulled when it was found the contractor had not taken into consideration the requirement of prevailing wage.
- **Hendrickson Park** – Mr. Hanley is recommending the removal of the asphalt and shrinking the size court area. The court would be repoured with concrete. The project would be completed by Public Works personnel with an approximate cost of \$20,000. To replace all of the skate equipment it would cost \$100,000. Mr. Hanley is unsure if there is a need for that. The current skate equipment will be cleaned and painted.
- **Path Lighting** – Mr. Hanley mapped the paths with approximately seven miles of paths. Mr. Hanley recommended solar lights if the project moved forward. There would be a need for 480 lights at \$1,150 each. The cost to hard wired would be substantially more. It was suggested to buy a couple of lights and test to see how they work.
- **MFT Update** – Mr. Hill stated that the General Maintenance documents will be on the next board agenda for approval. Possible bid opening in April.
- **Thies Park Project Update** – The pre-construction meeting is scheduled for next week. The village has not received the contracts from Tenco yet.
- **Quiet Zone for Railroad Crossings** – The feasibility study has been started.
- **CH 9 widening & I-57 Overpass project** – Mr. Hanley stated that the widening of County Highway 9 may start late summer or early fall. The widening will be from I-57 west to Rt. 45 with a five-lane road. There will be a stop light at Spruce and County Highway 9. The road will be open the entire time during construction. The I-57 overpass project is now scheduled from 2026. The sound wall was approved for the south bound exit on the west side of I-57. Costs to the village have been very arbitrary, no firm numbers yet for the I-57 overpass.
- **Legacy Park south parking lot, path, and pond** – Mr. Hill stated the design is being prepared with a 60% submittal in 2-3 weeks for village review. It is hoped to go out for bid in mid-May with a priority of staging the project that the parking lot would be completed by August 1<sup>st</sup>. The pond and path could be completed later than that.

- **Parks Update –**
  - The fields will be aerated, fertilized, and over seeded.
  - RPZ valves have been installed, water will be turned on
  - Pickle ball nets and volleyball nets will be installed in April
  - Mowing will be starting
  - The layout for Windfield Park has been completed.
  - The fountain motor at the Square is repaired. UV chamber has to be completed; lights are working
  
- **Equipment Update –**
  - Test drove some ditch mowers – recommending a remote-operated robotic mower from Brown Equipment for \$69,827.50. This is a source well price.
  - Possible purchase of a lift. Mr. Hanley looked at a 2015 reconditioned unit. The cost was \$55,000.
  
- **Misc.:**
  - Fans are up at the new PW building
  - Waiting on the inspection of the generator at the PD
  - Having a meeting on Friday with Fiber Optic companies

Motion by Trustee Dole, seconded by Trustee Boyce, to adjourn meeting at 8:05 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

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