

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works Committee
August 23, 2022 – 7:31 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
Timothy Nugent, Mayor	x
Tim Boyce, Trustee	X
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Diane Dole, Trustee (7:03 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
Sarah Marion, Marketing Cord	
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	x
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X
Bruce Hill, Novotny Engineering	X

Meeting was opened by Trustee Boyce at 7:31 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Trustee Crockett, seconded by Trustee Martin, to approve the minutes from July 26, 2022 meeting as presented. Voice vote – All ayes, No nays. Motion approved.

No public participation.

No action items.

Discussion Items:

- **Baseball Field Requests** – MYBSL sent a proposal that they had received for infield maintenance on the Pony field at Heritage Park, work on the warning track at another field and lights for the Pony field. The committee would like to see a map and how this may affect other athletic organizations. The village would also like to know how much if any is MYBSL willing to contribute and to see a list of priorities for the work. The question was also asked about if this work was completed, how much more income would this bring to the village (i.e., teams, restaurant business, hotel stays, etc.).
- **Fitness Pad at Legacy Park** – Mr. LaRocque stated that the equipment has been installed. There have been people using the equipment. There will be a flood light installed on the block wall.

- **Legacy Park Concession Stand update** – Work is continuing by the Public Works personnel to finish the building.

Trustee Crockett exited the meeting at 7:45 a.m.

- **Public Works Site Update** – Foundations, underground plumbing, and site work are continuing. The light poles and curbs will be installed in a few weeks. The erection of the building might be able to start mid-September. Maple Street will be shut down for around 2 weeks for the installation of the roadway work. Signage will be placed for traffic.
- **Entryway Signs and Archways** – The arches and post are due back to shop later this week for painting. The hope is to have the arches and railings done by early September. The entryway sign project has not been started yet with all other projects going on. The plan is to start the project in September.
- **Electric Box and Railroad building Wraps Update** – CN Railroad officials asked for a meeting with village personnel. The meeting is about the painting of their buildings. The railroad is concerned about the safety of individuals who may stand near the buildings for a photo. The wraps will start to be installed later this week. Mr. Hanley has counted fourteen boxes to be wrapped.
- **South Creek Drive Path Update** – Excavating will start later this week. They will start on the south end and move to the north. The AT&T box has been moved. The design on the new controller is being prepared. The poles will be repainted after the install.
- **Main Street Project Update** – Landscaping will be starting. The flowerpots are in and will have plants installed. Another coat of sealer is being placed on the stamped concrete. After that all the garbage cans, tables/chairs and flowerpots will be placed on Main Street.
- **MFT** – The bids came in high for the project. There will be a pre-construction meeting with Gallagher next week.
- **Parks Update:**
 - Public Works personnel are still mowing every week with the recent rain. The boom mower will be used again.
 - IDOT has given up on the idea of wildflower areas at the overpass. They are going to move toward types of prairie grasses.
- **Equipment Update** –
 - Still waiting on the delivery of the Ford 750's.
 - Will need to surplus the 2013 Backhoe
 - Will be receiving the new backhoe this week

- **Misc.:**

- There are two block party requests
 - One for South Poplar Street
 - One for White Tail Drive

Both requests were approved

- There were only three applicants for the Mechanic's position. Two of the applicants came from higher paying positions and would be good fits, but one has already declined. Mr. Hanley will offer the position to the other applicant. The third applicant was not a good fit.
- The parking lots at the village hall and food pantry will be tested. Cars are leaving marks on the asphalt. It is possible a sealer will need to be applied.
- The police department design will be going out for bid in September with bids due in October. The awarding of the bid should be approved at the 2nd board meeting in October.
- Clear Way Fiber – Mr. LaRocque had a Zoom meeting with this company about adding fiber network in the village. This would be available to residents and businesses. This would happen in 2023. Mr. LaRocque will have the village attorney look at the agreement.

Motion by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Boyce to adjourn meeting at 8:10 a.m. Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk