

**Committee of the Whole Meeting**  
**Public Works & Utilities Committee**  
**July 22, 2025 – 7:00 a.m.**  
**Village Board Room**

**Attendance**

<b>Committee Members:</b>	
Annette LaMore, Mayor	X
Mike Barry, Trustee	
Todd Crockett, Trustee	X
Annette Zimbelman, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Peggy Vaughn, Trustee	X
CJ Boudreau, Trustee	X
<b>Other Attendees:</b>	
Chris LaRocque, Village Admin	X
Jim Hanley, Super of PW	X
Sheila Martin, Treasurer	X
Al Swinford, Chief of Police	X
Jakob Knox, Marketing Dir	x
Melissa Gay, Deputy Clerk	
Bruce Hill, HR Green Engineering	X

Mayor LaMore opened the meeting at 7:00 a.m.

The minutes from the meeting on June 14, 2025 were approved 4-0

Public Participation: None

No action items.

**Discussion Items:**

- **Portable speed sign discussion-** Trustee Crockett expressed a need for a portable speed sign, we don't currently have any. Cost would be approximately 10,000-12,000 we will look into it
- **Square on 2<sup>nd</sup> Washroom/ Pavilion discussion-** There is a need for shade, seating and possible inside bathrooms. Discussion on cost and location Jim Hanley suggested a new toys kit it would include a metal roof and white pine structure Jim will price out cost and labor
- **Public works cold storage building-** We are moving forward.
- **Lucille Thies Sports Locker-** There will be a sign, it will be open during the day. Hanley has spent 500.00 on sports equipment, (pickleball paddles, shuffleboard, etc). Todd

suggested we paint the OSV plywood and epoxy the floor, otherwise the unconditioned space and unpainted wood could warp.

- **Legacy Park update-** The pond is almost finished. Trustee Peggy Vaughn asked why wood was used instead of metal or concrete for the moorings. Engineer Bruce Hill will double check with the contractor the project should be fully done in a week. Crappie “condos” are in place for the fish. The pond will be stocked with fish in the fall.
- **Public Works Equipment-** Pump at public works is giving out cost around 800.00 to be discussed next meeting. Public works building Nicor did something to the meter. Meter was not put in properly. Now there is inadequate flow to the building. 4,000 to fix going to see if we can pass that cost along to Nicor.
- **MFT update-** IDOT should give approval in mid to late August to start our next road project
- **Leahy Storm replacement project update-** The project will be in the backyards of the houses of Leahy. The survey will be ready in three days. H&R employees will be wearing construction vest and will be easily recognizable. The project will take place in the late fall. We will send out a mailer to all the residents and place cards on the street corners of Leahy area
- **Battery request for public works-** Jim Hanley has asked Gotion for a donation of battery generators to use for projects. They will be much quieter than regular generators.

Minutes were taken by Mayor LaMore  
Meeting was adjourned at 7:34 a.m

Clerk and deputy clerk were not present to record minutes

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Gay deputy clerk*