

**Committee of the Whole Meeting
Public Works & Utilities Committee
October 28th, 2025 – 7:25 a.m.
Village Board Room**

Attendance

Committee Members:	
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
Other Attendees:	
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	x
Bruce Hill, HR Green Engineering	X

Todd Crockett opened the meeting at 7:42 a.m.

MOTION: Public works & Utilities Motion of approval for meeting minutes from September 23rd 2025

Motion by Trustee Boudreau second by Trustee Gesky approved by all

Public Participation: None

Discussion Items:

- **South Oak Street property sale-** LaRocque, with the completion of the cold storage building out there public works property we have the Hut and Pole Barn down there on South Oak Street a picture of that in your packet provided, not much land both of the buildings are in pretty bad shape we had appraised 3 ½ years ago and it praised for 155,000 talked to Joe on the process for getting rid of that property there's two ways we can do it 1. Sell it outright on our own we can sell it for within 80% of the appraisal value but we have to have a new appraisal that appraisal probably cost couple \$1000 to get that done again or 2. we can do a bid process where we put it out there and see who bids on it, we'll have to pay the attorney to put that together. Trustee Gesky asked how long would the new appraisal be good for? Answer is one year. Trustee Crockett asked if there was any foreseeable use for these buildings? Hanley No there's no reason to keep these buildings. There are 2 very rough buildings. LaRocque will set up an appraisal for both properties and get back with the answers. Trustee Crockett asked with the appraisal is

there any interest here to do the same thing for the property where the old police impoundment building used to be that's been torn down, its a chipper pile now. Perhaps sell it and get a decent dollar for it for revenue could set up a new chipper pile over by the new public works? LaRocque, think we might have to do it across the street at the North End of Legacy Park where the tower is would be a better location. Add that to the appraisal. Conclusion is going through with the appraisal process and not the bid process.

- **Leahy Storm project update-** Bruce, surveyors getting started tomorrow for the construction layout Allies be out later this week to start doing some pot-holing to find existing utilities directional boring starting Monday next week and their plan is to be done by Thanksgiving weather permitting.
- **Jeffrey Drive Storm project update-** Hanley, on page three of the handout is a diagram. Storm lines completely filled with roots/dirt. It is not on home-owners property. Hanley will keep everybody updated and hopes to have it knocked out before Christmas.
- **Foreman Position-** LaRocque, provided in the pamphlet a side letter of agreement between the village of Manteno and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 150. We like to hire from within when we can, there's a side letter of agreement that the board will have to vote on in order to make that part of the contract. The foreman basically would be Jim's number two he has a couple of guys that are interested in that positions and will have to be posted and then there's a process to go through for the union to select who we want. Jim does have ultimate decision on who that would be it's not strictly based on longevity and this will be a way for Jim to be able to hire from within. This is a working performance position, then it'll move one of the part time guys up to the full- time position to replace the foreman and then in the spring when we are hiring again, he'll hire somebody to replace that part type position. This will be on the agenda for the next board meeting.
- **N. Hickory Alley vacating-** There is a diagram/map that is provided in the packet for all to see. LaRocque says, the residents would like to acquire the property. We have to get a plat drawn up and then reach out to the five property owners see who's interested in taking that property and charge them our cost for the survey to be done and the ordinance to be drafted and then we would transfer the ownership. Four of the five property owners are willing to take the property. LaRocque will send out letters to the homeowners.
- **Public Works Equipment-** Hanley included two pages in the pamphlet provided of the estimate for new equipment. Our communication equipment's getting close to about 20 years old, technology has improved this would help update the system. With the new system there, they also have the ability to create maps, our storm map is currently about 15 years old Trustee Crockett asks, is this compatible to use with GIS? Hanley yes and come spring the two companies are combining, so we will be able to put this map into our current part GIS system this creates a shape file. System that we're using now for the GIS is a tremble unit it's a GPS unit that we marked trees we marked street signs and street lights, this would actually let us go in and locate the electric going from ComEd feed to our light poles. Everyone else technology's gotten better to where we are using this old transponder unit. Hanley also noted that these parts are currently on sale.
- **General Discussion- None**

Motion by Trustee Gesky second by Trustee Zimbelman to adjourn meeting at 8:08 a.m.
Voice vote: all ayes, no nays.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Melissa Gay deputy clerk