

**COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**  
**PUBLIC WORKS**  
**Tuesday, March 21, 2017**  
**7:00 a.m.**  
**Village Conference Room**

**Attendance**

Tim Nugent, Village President	X
Tim Boyce, Chairman	X
Todd Crockett	
Diane Dole, Trustee	X
Joel Gesky, Trustee	X
Samuel Martin, Trustee	X
Wendell Phillips, Trustee	X
Bernie Thompson, Acting Village Admin	X
Geoff Aggen, Tyson Eng.	X
Chris LaRocque, Dir of Build/Zon	X
Ryan Marion, Building Dept.	X
Jim Hanley, Super. of Public Works	X
Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk	X

Trustee Boyce called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.

MOTION: A motion by Mayor Nugent, second by Trustee Gesky, to approve the minutes from the February 28, 2017 meeting. Voice vote: Ayes - Boyce, Dole, Gesky, Martin, Phillips and Nugent. No nays. Motion approved.

There was no public participation.

**Discussion Items:**

• **Employee Insurance** (*Hurley*)

The Trustees had previously been given the options for health insurance for employees at a previous committee meeting. United Healthcare has provided an option that switches networks, increases the deductible to \$1500/\$3000, but reduces the premium by 13.82% over current rate. United Healthcare will also offer the option for an employee to stay with Choice Plus network, but the employee will have to pay the difference in costs. Mr. Thompson will meet with employee unions to discuss the options. The consensus of the committee was to switch to the CORE network plan and give the option to the employees (at their cost) for the Choice Plus network plan.

• **Swale and Path Project Update** (*Hanley & Aggen*)

The south end of the project has obtained the NPDES permit. The north end of the project has the ILDNR flood plain permit. There are a few easements that will be required along I-57 along with a long term lease from ComEd.

The next step will be to work with ComEd on a lease and obtain the easements along I-57 and also have plans to extend the project to County Highway 9. Then move to bidding portion the project.

A question was asked if the project costs could be less if the project is bid as a whole project instead of portions. Mr. Aggen will review the option.

The question of funding was asked. It may be possible to use some monies from the sewer/collection fund since there will be repair work on the swale.

- **Park & Recreation Commission Update** (*Hanley*)

Mr. Hanley presented a possible lay-out of new park equipment for Thies Park that the Commission has prepared. The approximate cost would be \$55,000 (not installed) with an additional cost of \$10,000 for rubber mulch.

Mr. Hanley also presented a possible lay-out of new park equipment for Rock Creek with an approximate cost of \$65,944.00. The path at the park would be mulch from the chipper route. Signage will need to be added to the path stating the path is to be only used by non-motorized vehicles. Mr. Hanley has checked into a ComEd grant; he is still waiting to here.

Mr. Hanley has budgeted \$150,000 for parks, plus adding rubber mulch and 3 more Mommy & Me swings to Heritage Park. Mr. Hanley will also look for grant opportunities through NuToys and General Mills.

Mr. Hanley wants to restore planting new trees in the parks. Mayor Nugent suggested using tree stumps as chain saw art.

Mr. Hanley asked the committee to think about the basketball court at Hendrickson Park, it either needs to be removed, repaired or replaced. Also the backstop at Hendrickson Park needs repairs. He has observed residents using the basketball court, but not the backstop.

Mr. Hanley also stated that the Commission would like to see maps of the parks be placed on the website.

- **Bucket Truck Update** (*Hanley*)

Mr. Hanley had the village mechanic go to the Quad Cities to see a potential truck. The truck did not match what was shown on their website. Mr. Hanley will continue to look for options.

- **Misc.**

- Mr. Hanley ordered two new village entrance signs for County Highway 9.
- Lee's Rental would like to start a port-a-john rental company and have asked about dumping at our treatment plant. It was suggested that Terry Wilson check with the EPA.
- The Street Sweeper has been out the last two weeks.
- The tablets have been delivered for the GIS project. Personnel will start tagging the street lights, street signs and the ComEd lights starting in the Rock Creek Subdivision.

- Two summer workers will be returning, will probably look for two more. With Ryan Marion moving to the Building Department a part-time worker will be hired.
- The demo bids for the Swart property are due on Thursday.

Motion by Mayor Nugent, seconded by Trustee Martin to adjourn the meeting at 8:07 a.m.

Motion approved by voice vote.

*Meeting minutes respectfully submitted by Darla Hurley, Deputy Village Clerk*