

August 15th, 2022 Public Works committee minutes.

1. CTO 6:02. Members present, Don, Josh, John also Roger and Ben from Strand.
2. Motion to approve minutes by John, 2nd by Josh, carried.
3. Report on water system: Ben, from Strand, reviewed the report explaining the timing of projects necessary to maintain proper water supply for the next 20 years. Several alternatives were discussed. It was recommended to replace each booster pump with a higher capacity pump so that the full capability of the well pumps can be realized and to provide the necessary flow for fire demand occurring with a water main break. This is an immediate need. By 2030 or when approximately 200 more homes or equivalent water demand is needed, drill a third well. Also an ongoing recommendation is to replace water mains with frequent breaks so that we reduce the maximum day demand. Implementation of these three recommendations should eliminate the need of a second water tower for the next twenty years.
4. Power Assist Door: Discussion. Motion by Josh, to approve, for consideration in the 2023 budget, the installation of a power assist door for the FFD meeting room entrance, not to exceed \$4500, 2nd by John, carried.
5. N. Milwaukee St. drainage improvements: After lengthy discussion, motion by Josh to have Roger install temporary measures to provide the drainage for this winter, 2nd by John, carried. The cost of any improvements will be special assessed to the adjacent properties.
6. 5 Year Plans: After considering what is rapidly becoming the new normal, the committee realized that our traditional 5 year plans would not provide realistic expectations in the current economic environment. Rampant inflation, supply chain disruptions, labor shortages, unprecedented wage growth, all these have put the Village in an impossible position. Since revenue limits were imposed, the Village has been living on a fixed income with no way to address these issues. We need to adjust our priorities to more closely match our ability to fund them. May need to consider leasing programs for equipment replacement.
7. Meetings of the Public Works and Utilities/ Tree Board committee will be scheduled on the 3rd Monday of the Month (when needed).
8. Adjourn at 8:31, motion by Josh, 2nd by John, carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Don Dohrwardt
Chair, Public Works committee