

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH  
PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR COMMITTEE  
MINUTES

Monday, February 26, 2024, 4:00 pm

The public may attend this meeting at Village Hall, 227 N. Main St., Walworth WI 5318

1. Call to Order: Chairman Tanner (by phone) brought the meeting to order at 4:01 am.
2. Roll Call: PRESENT: Trustees Ball and Fell.  
ALSO PRESENT: David Hemmerich, PE; Mat Nickels, PW Manager; Kristi Reierson, Trustee
3. Approval of Minutes: RM 01/29/24. A Fell/Ball motion approved the minutes as presented. Motion carried.
4. Review of Village & Utility Budgets 01/30/24. Not available.
5. Comments from Citizens Present: Any item presented to the Public Works Committee by a citizen will be heard and may be placed on the next regular meeting's agenda. None presented.

DISCUSSION, CONSIDERATION AND RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE FOLLOWING:

1. Review 2024 Water & Sewer Utility Budget: Not available.
2. Operation Manager & Weed Commissioner's Report: Mat Nickels
  - a. Status of Equipment. The "66" problem is fixed. Tires for the Cupota have been purchased. Staff is busy changing oil and maintaining equipment for spring use.
  - b. Trash on curbs.: Couch on curb on Devils Lane.
  - c. ACTION: Water Conference, 3/26-29. 2 employees/\$210 ea. Plus hotel. **A Tanner/Ball motion recommend that the Board approve the proposal for attendance of 2 PW personnel at the Water Conference at \$210/ea. Plus hotel. Motion carried.**
  - d. ACTION: PFAS testing for SL Environmental, \$4,285: **A Tanner/Ball motion recommends that the Board approve the PFAS testing for SL Environmental, \$4,285. Motion carried.**
  - e. Snow removal on sidewalks: N/A due to mild winter weather.

3. Streets & Sidewalks

- a. Wisconsin Street Reconstruction Project 2023/2026: 2023/2024, \$19,200 design & 2025/2026 \$113,900 construction\

Mr. Hemmerich noted that the DOT directed a concern to the design engineer regarding consideration of a bike lane on Wisconsin St. Apparently, the issue has been resolved with an exception the inclusion.

b. Randolph St.

ii. Report from engineers. Budget Estimates:

- a. Public Water Services – 25 @\$7,500 ea.: \$187,500
- b. Private Lead Water Service-25@\$7,500 ea.:187,500
- c. 6" watermain, valves, hydrants, Pavement patching, engineering and Contingencies..... \$425,000
- d. Total engineering..... \$ 84,900
- e. Core testing by PSI..... \$ 2,150

iii. Review Memo 1/29/24 from Scott Hartay, PE re: Safe Drinking Water Loan Program. ACTION: Timetable for bidding project: Mr. Hemmerich proposed that bids be let in March.

b. Highway #14 construction, County Rd. K to State Line: Report of Plan Commission recommendation to Village Board, 02/19/24. Mrs. Czaja reported that the Plan Commission has recommended that the PW Committee consider a replacement of the existing watermain and lead service lines on Highway #14 during the DOT reconstruction and consideration of “dark sky” lighting around the square for a reconstruction of the roadway. Mr. Hemmerich advised, current costs of a light pole is \$8,000 and water main construction, \$500/ft.

Mrs. Czaja expressed concern regarding the timing and scheduling of such a costly project as Highway #14 in view of the Randolph reconstruction \$1.3 million project scheduled for 2024 construction.

Engineer Hemmerich reported that information from the DOT this morning, should the Village utility plan to replace water mains and services, 60% of preliminary plans must be available by August 2024 with final design for construction in 2027. Real estate acquisition by the DOT for the project would begin in 2025.

The condition and age of the water main under #14 was questioned. Manager Nickels advised that there is a broken valve on the southeast corner of the Village Square, and a broken sewer pipe in the corner of the DOT owned parking lot adjacent to #14. Also, there are several potholes on Highway #14. Mr. Nickels made note of the 2023 overlay on Wood St. One year later, a lead water service line broke on the utility side, and the newly surfaced road had to be dug up and patched. He recommends before street work is considered, the condition of the water mains and services should be a priority. **A MOTION BY TANNER WITH A SECOND FROM BALL RECOMMENDS THAT THE BOARD CONTINUE WITH RANDOLPH ST. AND AUTHORIZE THE ENGINEER TO LET BIDS FOR THE RANDOLPH PROJECT AND TO ATTEMPT TO WORK OUT A COOPERATIVE TIME-LINE WITH THE DOT REGARDING THE HIGHWAY #14 PROJECT. Motion carried.**

c. 204 & 206 S. Main St. Sidewalk Notification to Repair. Mr. Nickels continues to try to reach a contact. In compliance with Village Ordinance.

#### 5. Water Utility:

a. Terms of Agreement with EPA Regarding Violations and Schedules

i. Progress Report re: Lead Service Lines Inventory 6/30/2024. Chris is working on the report.

b. Well #4 testing results. The DNR requires quarterly reports. The Waukesha Lab is able to perform the tests required for the SL Environmental. (See agenda item 2(d).)

c. Desktop Study on Lead Service Line Replacements-Applications for Funding. Filed.

d. Meeting w/ Environmental Health & Engineering re: documentation and testing requirements noted and will be submitted as required.

#### 6. Sewer Utility

a. Sewer Lift Stations. New pump functioning.

- b. FWWPCC-Report of Meeting 02/13/2024. Concerns. U.S. Gypsum sewer discharge required FWWPCC Plan Manager to have a discussion with the USG Manager.
7. Storm Water:
    - a. Storm Drains & Intersections.
    - b. Retention Ponds: Oak Knolls: Dredge Pond & Raise Berm: Grazing Goats. Mrs. Czaja will contact Grazing Goats for a spring clean-up.
  8. Parks:
    - a. Devil's Lane
    - b. Toynton: spring baseball.
    - c. Heyer
    - d. Rotary
    - e. Badger
    - f. Ad Hoc Plan Review Committee: Report of meeting 02/22/24. Each member of the newly formed Park, Recreation and Open Space (PROS) Committee is to formulate a review/inspection of each park.
    - g. Delivery and installation of park signs: Following discussion regarding staffing, Chairman Tanner will obtain a quote for the installation of the signs from the sign contractor. The PROS committee will assist in choosing the sign locations within each park.
  9. Buildings.
    - a. Village Hall
    - b. Fire Rescue Building-Building Fund
    - c. Public Works Building
    - d. Library: Request to meet regarding capital improvements. A response from the Library Board is directed to the Finance Committee meeting on 02/06/24.
  10. Compost Site and Grounds.
    - a. Compliance Issues and Disposal of Excess
  11. Five-Year Capital Improvement
    - a. Wisconsin Street 2025
    - b. Fire Rescue Building: Mrs. Czaja advised that she is considering appointing an ad hoc committee to review the project and move it along.
    - c. Kenosha St. 2028-2029.
    - d. Hwy.#14 2027-2028
    - e. Randolph St. 2024
  12. Schedule Next Meeting, Monday, 25, 2024, 4:00 PM.
  13. Adjourn: A Tanner/Ball motion adjourned the meeting at approximately 5:13 PM.

Cc: Village Board, Mat Nickels, PW Manager, Dave Hemmerich, PE

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