

VILLAGE OF WALWORTH  
PUBLIC WORKS REGULAR COMMITTEE  
*MINUTES*

Monday, September 30, 2024, 4:00 pm

1. Call to order: Cell phone contact with Chairman Danner would not connect. Ex officio member, President Czaja, brought the meeting to order, and by unanimous consent, chaired the meeting through to item 6i when cell service to Chairman Tanner went through.
2. Roll Call: PRESENT: Members Trustees Bob Ball and Merik Fell  
ALSO PRESENT: Engineers Dave Hemmerich & Scott Hartay, PE, CAM; PW Manager & staff personnel; Mat Nickels & Chris Holz, Trustee, Kristi Reiersen. Park Committee Member, Dana Goheen, (arrived at approximately 5:00 pm).
3. Approval of Minutes: Regular Meeting 08/26/24 & Special Meeting 09/20/24. A Ball/Fell motions approved the minutes of the regular and special meeting. Motions carried.
4. Review of Village & Utility Budgets 08/30/24. 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.

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. ACTION: Letter of resignation submitted by Mat Nickels effective 10/11/24. Mrs. Czaja read the email sent Monday, 9/23. DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickels advised that he has accepted a position at the City of Delavan. *A Ball/Fell motion accepts the resignation with regret and recommends advertising to fill the vacant position. Motions carried.*
  - b. MOU of understanding for Salt purchases/Walworth County. DISCUSSION. Mr. Nickels reported average usage at 280 tons annually with note of the convenience provided by the collaboration with Walworth County. A brine disseminator can be added to the present plow if brine would be considered in the future. *A Ball/Fell motion recommends approval of the agreement with Walworth County. Motion carried.*
  - c. Notice of Noncompliance CCR report, (no action required). DISCUSSION: Manager Nickels advised that the report was completed in advance of the due date, 06/30. However, the report was not sent out of the Clerk's office in time and was not received by the DNR until July 18.
  - d. Trash on curbs. A box sits on the curb across from the Fire/Rescue Station and there is trash on the southeast curb of Maple. At the end of Franklin St. there is restacked wood – too large of a pile for PW to shred, noted Mr. Nickels. Member Fell noted a large pile of wood near the railroad tracks. Notices have not come through lately from the Police Dept.
  - e. Weed Notices: Currently, there are no areas of non-compliance following notifications.
  - f. 2025 B2udget: Manager Nickels has obtained proposals in preparation, but worksheets have not been sent out to date.
3. Streets & Sidewalks:
  - a. Wisconsin Street Reconstruction Project 2023/2026: total exclusive of grant, \$133,100
    - i. Letter from DNR: Mr. Hemmerich has reviewed the work sheets from the project consultant, Brian Veit, P.E., Meade & Hunt. According to the recent estimate contained in DOT letter of

09/23/24, the Village's share is approximately \$170,654.48. The State/ Municipal Agreement of 01/18/23 projected the Village 20% share, \$138,880. Items of responsibility of the Village include water valve boxes, maintenance of all roads involved, (an addition of \$8,000 to \$10,000), and sanitary sewer issues. Non-Participating costs amount to \$118,000. The intersection is upgraded to concrete.

The bids for construction will be let by the DOT on November 12, 2024, in Waukesha. The DOT is to locate a field office at the site.

ii. ACTION: Proposal from J&R Underground, Blanchardville, Wi.: Street light fix, \$5,350.75: DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickels reported that 3 streetlights in the Industrial Park between Walworth St. and the first pole on Wisconsin Street are out due to failed underground wiring installed in the 1970's. A Ball/Fell motion recommends that the Board approve the proposal by J & R Underground of \$5,350.75. Motion carried.

b. Randolph St Project 2024: Budget estimate exclusive of grants, \$1,387.050.

i. Construction timeline. Tree removal was not included in the project estimates either by the contractor or the Village Engineers.

ii. 3 Private Line replacements, special assessments. Two private lines will be replaced on Randolph.

iii. Rock Road Companies, Inc., Janesville, Wi. Quote for tree removal, \$19,983.38, (tabled, SM 10/20): A Fell/Ball motion brought the item from the table for discussion and consideration. Motion carried. DISCUSSION: Mr. Nickels advised that the proposal submitted to construction contractor, Rock Road Companies, Inc., by Tim's Tree Service, (\$16,912.38 to remove 3 large trees and grind, and remove tree and grind stump at 218 Randolph, \$3,071.00, total \$19,983.38), is written to include the prevailing wage rate as required by the Clean Water Grant fund. The removal of the tree at 218 Randolph is optional, (the tree sits over the present lead water line.). The line at 218 can be abandoned, and the new line can be installed to the south of the present location. Expediting the tree removal was discussed.

Mr. Nickels further advised that other tree removal proposals were sought but no one else bid. A motion by Fell with a second by Ball recommends the acceptance of the change order from Rock Road for the removal of three (3) trees at \$16, 912.38 with the exclusion of the tree over the water line at 218 Randolph St. Motion carried.

iv. 425 Randolph St. standing water: Mr. Nickels advised that the Village Engineers are considering a preliminary study to remediate the condition.

c. Highway #14 reconstruction Project: County K to State Line.

i. Report: DOT Team Meeting 9/17/24, Staging Proposals.: Mr. Nickels advised that the DOT is considering 3 separate stages or closing the Village Square for one month. Should staging be considered, Stage 1 would start from the south at the proposed turn around at Lakeville Rd. Stage 2 would involve the Village Square and Stage 3 would continue northwest to the turnaround at County K. Mrs. Czaja spoke to the concerns of business around the square and Walworth Grade School concerns were noted.

ii. Lighting: Mrs. Czaja advised that the Square is in a TIF district which could provide for lighting improvements.

d. Highway #67 reconstruction Project: Kenosha St.

i. Report: State/Municipal Financial Agreement for State Let Highway Project. Storm sewer maintenance and snow removal are being redirected to the Village. No action taken at this time.

- ii. Report: re: State/Municipal Maintenance Agreement: Under consideration.
- e. Big Foot Ridge East, Road paved. The punch list includes a cut out of the curb for the bike path.
- f. Solar crosswalk installed: Mr. Nickels is to follow through.

Trustee Matt Tanner connected by phone, (noting poor service in northern Wi. regions). Trustee Tanner continued as Chair.

4. Water: *email 09/25/24, Scott Hartay:*

- a. Terms of Agreement with EPA regarding lead service lines inventory.
  - i. *Walworth ITA LSLR submittal Costs for Sept. 2024: Engineer Hartay has submitted a cost analysis for the removal of 25 lead service line replacements (LSLR), in 2025, \$50,000, or 50 service line replacements, \$1,000,000. The report is an intent to apply, ITA, due October 31, 2024, for the following year, 2025. This action alerts the DNR to an impending grant and/or loan application. There is no obligation by the Village to submit an application in 2025. Should the Village decide to proceed in 2025, the grant application would be due by June 30<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Hartay recommends increasing the proposal to remove 50 lines as currently contractors are not bidding for less than 50. A Tanner/Ball motion recommends that the Village Board authorize the engineer to submit the ITA for 50 LSLR. Motion carried.*

- b. Well #4 Testing Results: PFAS Notice.

- i. *BAXTER & WOODMAN PFAS Treatment Plan Memo for Well #4 dated 09/25/24. Engineer Hartay submitted and reviewed the report. A pilot test would be required to preclude any remediation project. Well #4 is being tested quarterly and has tested slightly over the recently established national level. Notification to property owners must be sent again*

*The report outlines a brief history of PFAS regulations,*

- i. *Walworth Well #4 PFAS Testing,*
- ii. *Why Not Drill Additional Wells?*
- iii. *Potential Path of PFAS Treatment facilities for Well #4,*
- iv. *Assumptions for Estimated costs for Well #4, PFAS Treatment Facilities, and*
- v. *Estimated costs for Well #4 Treatment Facility.*

*The Engineer reported on other municipalities in the State with similar conditions. The costs and concerns and past experiences with drilling another well was discussed. Interim financing and available grant funds/loans currently with 50% forgiveness with congressional directive was noted. A Tanner/Ball motion recommends that the Board authorize a pilot test in 2025 for the purpose of proceeding with a design by June 30, 2027. Motion carried.*

5. Sewer: FWWPCC Meeting held 09/10/24. Minutes filed. The 2025 budget was approved and sent to the municipalities for review and action.

- a. Grease trap inspections: Mrs. Czaja reported the Building/Zoning Inspector will proceed with grease trap inspections later this fall/winter.

6. Storm Water: Storm Drains

- a. Retention Ponds: Proposals: Grazing Goats have completed their tour of the Oak Knolls retention pond this past week. An invoice of \$2,661 has been submitted.

7. Parks: Report of meeting held 09/25/24. Park Committee member Dana Goheen was present to speak to a project to develop a walking path in the wooded area adjacent to the playground at Badger Park.

- a. ACTION: Grazing Goats to Badger Park: Three proposals have been submitted by Grazing Goats for a total of \$4,000.

- a. Wooded area at Badger Park, 1.23 acres..... \$1,230.00

- \* b. Retention Pond at Toynton Park, 0.63 acres..... 630.00
- c. Retention Pond, Willow & Fairview, 2.14 acres..... 2,140,00

\*Should the Village wish to graze only the Badger Park wooded area this year, the cost would be \$1,000 for this area only, not \$630.

Mrs. Czaja's concern at Badger Park is safety, and she reported on her meeting with Captain Alonzo. Items discussed were proper signage and notification to persons living in the apartment complex south of the park.

Mrs. Goheen suggested the use of Park Impact fees for the new proposed woods enhancement project. Fees scheduled to be returned could be used for this capital improvement project. A Ball/Tanner motion recommends that the Board approve the use of Park Impact fees of \$4,000 as proposed by Grazing Goats. Motion carried.

- 8. Buildings: Nothing further.
- 9. Compost Site and Grounds: Compliance Issues, disposal of excess.
- 10. Five-Year Capital Improvement:
  - a. Wisconsin Street 2025
  - b. Fire Rescue Building: Ad Hoc Building Committee.
  - c. Kenosha St. 2029-2030
  - d. Hwy.#14 2027-2028
  - e. Randolph St. 2024
- 11. Schedule Next Meeting: October 28, 2024, 4:00 PM.
- 12. Adjourn: A Tanner/Ball adjourned the meeting. Motion carried.

Cc: Village Board, PW Manager Mat Nickels, Engineers Hemmerich & Hartay