

**Village of Indian Head Park  
201 Acacia Drive  
Indian Head Park, IL 60525**

**Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes  
May 25, 2022 4:45pm  
MEETING LOCATION – Village Hall**

A meeting of the Public Works Committee of the Village of Indian Head Park was held on May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at Village Hall. The meeting was called to order at 4:49pm.

The following were present:

Committee Member Metz  
Committee Member Mann  
Mayor Tom Hinshaw, Present via Phone  
Village Administrator John DuRocher  
Assistant Village Administrator Andy Ferrini  
Justin Fuller, Water Superintendent  
Don Lorenzen, Public Works Superintendent  
Village Trustee Charlie Eck  
Administrative Clerk Lisa Bujak

Absent:

Committee Chair Kennedy

The following were discussed:

- A. Minutes for the March 7, 2022 meeting were reviewed and unanimously approved. (Trustee Metz motioned, Committee Mann second).
- B. Recycling Event Report  
The event was a success, 2.5 tons of paint were recycled along with 2.81 tons of paper. The Village is still awaiting electronics results. There were many positive comments from the residents about the event. Also, residents can now recycle batteries and lightbulbs at Village Hall.
- C. Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) Program  
The FOG Program is regulated by MWRD and protects the sanitary sewer system. Beginning in June, a licensed plumber will be doing inspections on all of the restaurants and facilities that serve food in the Village. The data will need to be reported to and will be maintained by database company BSI. Details will include inches of grease and water. Village Staff may want to modify the code to authorize revoking business licenses if non-compliant.
- D. RPZ Compliance  
Backflow prevention is required for all sprinklers, pedicure tubs, boilers, and pools with an auto-fill system. BSI will track the annual testing and will notify the Village for those who are non-compliant. Village Staff is compiling a list to track who needs to be brought into compliance. This is very important in regards to protecting the Village's drinking water.
- E. Water System Loss  
Village Administrator John DuRocher and Mayor Hinshaw track monthly water loss, and lately it has been increasing. Public Works staff is doing a leak survey and are analyzing the meters. The DNR likes

to see meters being replaced on a regular basis. Water meters should be 99-100% accurate. New meters were last installed in 2016 in the Village and are expected to have a 20 year life span. Public Works would like to test the Village Trustees water meters to ensure accuracy. The increase in water loss means either a leak, faulty meters or a combination of both. Infersearch started investigating leaks last week.

F. Buckthorn at Flagg Creek

Recently the Village has received a few complaints about the trees and other shrubbery that were removed at Flagg Creek. MWRD is removing trees that are at risk to fall in the creek and are also removing the buckthorn in addition to trees that are in their easement. The Tollway is also removing the sound wall. This is leading to increased noise pollution for residents. MWRD has agreed to provide the Village with saplings and seeds to replace some of what has been removed. Buckthorn will return unless it's completely removed, which is very expensive to do. The Public Works Committee authorizes MWRD to continue removing hazardous trees to prevent flooding. The sound wall should be replaced this year.

G. Storm Sewer Program

MS-4 Municipal Storm System report for EPA. Strand Associates is sending in reports to keep the Village compliant. Thomas Engineering is working on the stormwater report.

H. Water Main Replacement Program

IDOT is working to get easements for the program, more information to come.

I. 45 Acres +4 Spot Storm Water Report

Thomas is doing the study, with results expected June 1<sup>st</sup>. The Village is paying for the study with the American Rescue Plan funds that were received from the Federal Government.

J. Pump House Update

The Village will be accepting bids in September and will award the bid in October. The project should take about one year to complete.

K. Heritage Center – Potential Projects

Altus Works is working on a facility study to determine the expected lifespan of the facility and to determine the cost of necessary repairs and updates. The study should be complete by the end of the month. The Village is also getting quotes from Strand Associates.

L. 2022 Road Program Update

Thomas Engineering is working with Wilshire to determine how much they will owe towards the work on Acacia Circle, they should have an answer within the next couple weeks. The sanitary sewers will need to be complete before the roadwork on Acacia Circle.

M. Facility Review

Altus Works is working on a facility study for all of the Village facilities including the Heritage Center, Public Works, Police Department and Village Hall. This will identify the expected lifespan on all of the Village buildings.

N. Street Sign Program Update

The Village is still awaiting more information on the street signs. At a recent Village Board Meeting, residents were asked their preference by a show of hands and the most popular choice was the hanging signs, also the most expensive. We need to consider future costs and try to keep it simple.

O. Wolf Road Update

Mayor Hinshaw expressed frustration that the Board Members didn't express what they wanted, only what they didn't want. Staff created a menu/vote tally sheet for the Trustees to choose which options they preferred at the upcoming Special meeting. There was discussion about what should be included on the vote sheet. The purpose is to assist the Board in coming up with an agreement on language to include in the resolution.

P. Other

Village Hall needs new signage. The sign at Blackhawk park needs to be relocated. The Village received 18 trees through a grant and will receive another 18 trees in the fall. Public Works staff recently met with a contractor about street signs, but they also do Village Hall/Park signs. The company can provide ideas and drawings for the next meeting. Mayor Hinshaw would prefer a larger/more prominent sign at Village Hall.

Landscaping at Heritage Center – Hinsdale Nursery was contracted for the landscaping, Administrator DuRocher will follow up with Trustee O’Laughlin about it.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None

With there being no further business to discuss, Committee Member Metz motioned to adjourn at 6:15pm, seconded by Committee Member Mann. Next meeting date is scheduled for June 14<sup>th</sup>.