



Village of Indian Head Park

201 Acacia Drive – Indian Head Park, Illinois 60525

**Public Works Committee Meeting Minutes**

June 22, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.

Meeting Location – Village Hall

201 Acacia Drive

**I. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Committee Chair Eck called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

The following were present:

Committee Chair Charlie Eck

Committee Member Cristina Saldana

Committee Member Glen Mann

Andy Ferrini, Assistant Village Administrator

Justin Fuller, Water Superintendent

Kevin VanDeWoestyne, Thomas Engineering

Also Present:

Resident Dayle Holmquist

**II. New Business**

a. Public Comments

Resident Dayle Holmquist commented that conditions on the south side of the Village are bad with the Tollway work and lack of maintenance near the creek. The neighborhoods on the south side are complaining about the water pooling under the new 294 bridge and the bumps on the Wolf Road bridge over Flagg Creek. There is construction debris on both sides of Wolf road that looks very bad. The Creek has lots of weeds that are overgrown, and there is an island of dirt that has built up in the creek. Additionally, there is a culvert pipe that is clogged

that appears to be coming from Burr Ridge. Please pay attention to the landscaping and maintenance needs of the southside of the Village as well as the north side when dealing with the Tollway and others.

b. Review of Minutes from March 6, 2023

Committee member Saldana moved to approve the meeting minutes from March 6, 2023, seconded by Committee Member Mann. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Role and Authority of the Public Works Committee

AVA Ferrini explained the role of the Public Works Committee. The Committee reviews policies, programs, and projects related to Public Works and makes recommendations to the Village Board of Trustees.

d. Road Program Update

Mr. DeWoestyne explained that this year's road project would likely be around \$500,000. The Roads to be repaired are Arrowhead Trail, 70<sup>th</sup> Place (Including PW parking lot) and 65<sup>th</sup> Place. These roads are the roads in town in the worst condition. Additionally, Thomas Engineering will be conducting a road assessment survey this year. This assessment ranks every Village owned street by condition and includes a recommended 5-year capital improvement plan for road repairs.

e. Ditch Program Update

Superintendent Justin Fuller explained that Thomas Engineering has been working on a survey for drainage ditching along Pontiac Drive. Mr. DeWoestyne explained that Thomas Engineering expects to have a recommendation for the ditching program by the end of July 2023.

Committee Member Mann mentioned that another drainage related issue is that driveway projects that changes the footprint of the driveway can cause negative drainage effects, in particular a driveway on Blackhawk Avenue was mentioned. AVA Ferrini explained that driveway projects that change the footprint need to go to engineering review, and that staff would look into the specific issues that Committee member Mann had brought up.

Chair Eck asked if the drainage work had any relation to the stormwater issues reported in the 45 Acres Subdivision. Mr. DeWoestyne explained that Thomas Engineering had done a study that looked at public infrastructure in 45 Acres as well as whether there was any structure flooding. Chair Eck mentioned that there seems to be some remaining issues since homeowners have reported that water has been sitting in their yards for months at a time. Superintendent Fuller explained that the drainage work is not directly related to 45 Acres.

Chair Eck requested that a list of addresses for stormwater issues be provided at the next PW Committee meeting.

f. Water System Update

Superintendent Fuller explained that the PW Department is currently conducting a leak survey and that the Village has had two Water main breaks since the start of 2023. He also explained that work is needed on the Village's Reservoir. There is some cracking and PW would like to purchase water jets to prevent water stagnation and ensure good water quality.

The Committee asked about how often the water is tested. Superintendent Fuller explained that the emergency well itself is tested monthly. The water received from Countryside is tested daily and the water in the reservoir is tested every 2-3 days. He also explained that there is an emergency plan to use the well water in case it is ever needed. In the case it had to be used to supply the whole Village a boil order would be issued.

Chair Eck provided a brief update to the Committee concerning the Village Pumphouse Rehabilitation project. He stated that certain inconsistencies in the timeline of events were being looked at.

g. Blackhawk Park

The Village received a petition from some residents in Acacia requesting the installation of a "Porta-John" in the park. Chair Eck requested that staff prepare some financial figure for discussion at next month's meeting.

h. Street Signs

The Committee discussed the street signs project. AVA Ferrini explained that the sign that got the most votes in the survey also happens to be the sign staff recommends going forward with. Chair Eck asked AVA Ferrini to provide a memo on the costs for the Committee with the intention that the project could go to the full Board of Trustees for action.

i. Sacajawea Park Equipment Replacement

Superintendent Fuller explained that the Park equipment is in poor condition. AVA Ferrini explained that the park was first installed in 1997 and that the equipment has not been changes since. Committee Member Saldana asked about new equipment being up to modern standards. Staff was given direction to prepare more information on the costs of new up to date equipment for the next meeting.

j. IEAPA Section 319 Grant

Mr. DeWoestyne explained that he looked into this grant. The grant is for projects on public property that can be justified as a method of preventing pollution from entering waterways such as Flagg Creek. Eligible projects would include bioswales or wetland restoration. Routine maintenance like ditching is not eligible. There is also a ten-year reporting requirement with this grant. The Consensus of the Committee was that there was a low likelihood that any project the Village could propose would be granted funding. The Committee also felt that with a range of \$80,000 to \$2,000,000 of projects awarded in the past the costs would be too high for the Village at this time to come up with a project.

k. Facility Study Initial Discussion

Trustee Eck stated that the Committee would review the different Village Facilities one at a time and that the Committee would start with Village Hall, then Public Works, and then the Heritage Center

III. Adjournment

With there being no further business to discuss, Committee Member Saldana moved to adjourn the meeting at 11:05 am, seconded by Committee Member Mann. Motion carried unanimously.