

VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD
MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MEETING, PART 2
November 9, 2021

The Public Works Department Meeting was held in person at Crosspoint Lutheran Church, 8505 RedTail Drive along with Zoom viewing. It was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by President Stavropoulos. Present at Crosspoint Lutheran Church were Trustees Augustine, Babischkin, Barron, Fischer, and Runge. Absent was Trustee Berman. Also present were Village Manager Jean Heckman, Village Attorney Scott Puma, Village Clerk Jeanette LoBosco, Chief of Police Mike Roth, Director of Public Works Gary Zickuhr, and a few members of the public.

PRESIDENT'S OPENING REMARKS: President Stavropoulos welcomed those present. He extended thanks to Crosspoint Church for their hospitality. In addition, he recognized Resident Liaison Liz Delzell and Public Works Director Gary Zickuhr for their hard work in preparing the presentation.

He mentioned the series of Department Meetings will be followed by Town Hall meetings held in January and February. The goal is utilize the information provided during the Budget Meetings that follow.

INTRODUCTION BY LIZ DELZELL, RESIDENT LIAISON: Liz as well thanked those present for their participation.

As a result with working with Gary in preparation of this presentations, she believes Public Works is the department that has the most interaction with residents, but is perhaps the least understood. Gratitude for Gary and his staff was given.

PRESENTATION BY GARY ZICKUHR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS: director Zickuhr explained the evening's presentation is a closer look into the infrastructure issues presented at the first presentation. In addition to a recap of the previous meeting, an overview of additional responsibilities and future goals will be presented.

Utilities: Current responsibilities of staff; along with a brief history, description, work maintenance schedules and areas of concern for the following were discussed:

- Wells
- Water Treatment Plant
- Water Towers
- Mains, Trunks, and Hydrants
- Lift Stations
- Manholes

The possibility of creating a Civil Engineering Internship Program was introduced. The program would be a cost effective way to address Village needs in creating infrastructure mapping relative to a storm sewer atlas. Additional aid would be in maintaining EPA compliance pertaining to quarterly review of storm water outfalls.

Streets: Baxter and Woodman Engineering have photographed the 35 miles of Village roads and are in the process of completing a proposal for a Village road program.

Village Manager Jean Heckman is exploring grant options to aid in addressing the flooding and road conditions. Broadway is one road that is in need of repair, however, it would be economical to first address the water issues.

In preparing for winter, the department is facing a rising cost of salt. There is an increase from \$49 to \$69 per ton; 800-1,000 tons are typically required per season of salt.

Other Responsibilities: In addition to the areas presented, the following services are provided by Public Works staff:

- Brush pick-up
- Road kill removal
- Street repair
- Street sign and light maintenance, repair
- Tree trimming
- Roadside mowing
- Flood management
- Tree permit inspections
- Controlled burns of prairie and wetlands
- Fleet and facilities maintenance

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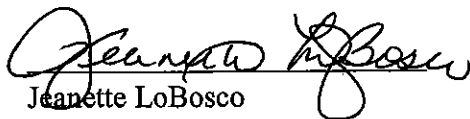
Director Zickuhr acknowledged the value of the staff, "we have strong leadership, we have really good people." "I just don't think there is nothing that we can't do."

PUBLIC COMMENT: Trustee Runge inquired as to what staff level would help create an ideal situation for Public Works to be. Director Zickuhr would like to add two staff members to his department. The addition would create the possibility of maintaining a preventative maintenance schedule along with meaningful progress throughout the department.

Resident John Schrauf inquired to the possibility of Well #5 being made a viable drinking water source. Director Zickuhr replied it would be at least one million dollars and feels it would be worth the investment.

The meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jeanette LoBosco
Village Clerk

Dated: November 23, 2021