

**VILLAGE OF LAKEWOOD**  
**MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT MEETING**  
**October 26, 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 Babischkin, Barron, Berman, Fischer, and Runge. Absent was Trustee Augustine. 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, Administrative Services Manager Sue Villie, and many members of the public.

**PRESIDENTS'S OPENING REMARKS:** In addition to welcoming everyone present, President Stavropoulos thanked Crosspoint Lutheran Church for use of their facility and service to the second presentation in a series of Village Department Meetings. Recognition also to Resident Liaison Liz Delzell in preparing the presentation was acknowledged.

He further explained the presentations are meant to be interactive discussions, and therefore encouraged participation.

This presentation is the first in a series of two that will be presented for Public Works.

**INTRODUCTION BY LIZ DELZELL, RESIDENT LIAISON:** Liz Delzell was unable to attend as scheduled.

**PRESENTATION BY GARY ZICKUHR, DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS:** Gary presented an overview of the State of the Public Works Department.

Department Overview: Prior to becoming Director of Public Works, the Public Works Department operated as two units; the street department and water/sewer department. Developing a "one team atmosphere" was achieved.

Comparison of statics between 2006 and Present were evaluated:

- 271 homes have been added
- Staff remains at 5 full-time employees; no additional summer help for the past two years
- Lift Station and well maintenance is no longer contractual
- Capacity of the wastewater treatment plant has doubled. As well as; roads, street signs, fire hydrants, infrastructure and population.

Recent Projects: The Public Works Department has completed numerous repair and maintenance projects throughout the Village. Majority of the work is completed by staff resulting in a substantial cost savings for the Village.

Utilization of a Work Order program began recently, causing changes to the anticipated daily routine. Since it began, 37 days ago, 109 Work Orders have been processed.

A benefit to the department was the recent purchase of a Vac-Con Vactor truck.

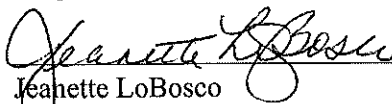
Future Considerations: The aging infrastructure system raises concern as it will continue to shift the workload away from a preventative environment.

In addition, the anticipated growth not only of residential development, but that of the commercial development along the Rt 47/176 corridor will add strain to manpower.

Encouragement for additional staff to achieve licensure in compliance with EPA standards is recommended.

The meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Jeanette LoBosco  
Village Clerk

Dated: November 9, 2021