

**VILLAGE OF DAVIS JUNCTION
COMMITTEE OF COMMITTEES MINUTES
Tuesday, October 19, 2021 @ 7:00 p.m.
Village Hall, 106 N. Elm Street, Davis Junction, Illinois**

CALL TO ORDER and ROLL CALL

Sandie opened the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Clerk Sandie Maahs, Treasurer Brenda Ognibene, and Committee Members Jen Christenson, John Talbot, Nathan Maahs, Chris Samples, and Bill Motisi

Absent: President Rick Wurm and Trustee William Luchsinger

Also in attendance: Public Works Supervisor Bret Ferge and Parks Supervisor Nate Hill

John made a Motion to Appoint Chris Samples President ProTem. Jen seconded the Motion. Motion passed on the following roll call vote: Jen, Bill, John, Nathan, and Chris: yes
William: absent

John made a Motion to Allow William Luchsinger to Participate Remotely Due to Work. Nathan seconded the Motion. Motion passed on the following roll call vote: Bill, John, Nathan, Chris, and Jen: yes
William: absent

William joined the meeting remotely via Zoom at 7:01 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of September 21, 2021 Committee of Committee Minutes
John made a Motion to Approve the September 21, 2021 Committee of Committee Minutes. Jen seconded the Motion. Motion passed on the following roll call vote:
John, Nathan, Chris, William, Jen and Bill: yes

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

- a. Fuel Report
The Committee had no questions on the report.
- b. Water Report
The Committee had no questions on the report.

CLERK

- a. FOIA Report
Sandie shared that there is not a FOIA report in the packet as no requests were received last month.

TREASURER/HUMAN RESOURCES

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

- a. Presentation by Mike Chambers regarding the NLC Service Line Warranty Program by HomeServe
Mike Chambers from NLC Service Line Warranty Program discussed that NLC does a public awareness campaign to make residents aware of their responsibilities to water/sewer lines including tips on how to keep lines clean, and they offers three optional residential insurance

programs that are advertised in conjunction with the Village – external water line coverage from the b-box to point of entry to the house, sewer line coverage from the point of entry to the house to the main, and in home plumbing and drainage coverage. Mike shared that residents on the program would contact NLC who would dispatch local contractors to repair line. NLC offers the program through direct mailers, which have been preapproved by the Village, to the residents done twice a year. Mike shared that the sewer coverage is \$7.75/month, water coverage is \$5.25/month, and in home coverage is \$9.99/month. Bill confirmed with Mike that residents can pick and choose which coverages they want. Mike confirmed that there is no cost to the Village. Mike shared that \$0.50/month per product that is sold will come back to the Village and the Village can use those funds how they see fit. Mike shared that residents can choose to pay monthly, quarterly, or yearly. Mike shared that the Village would need to enter into a marketing agreement with NLC. The Committee was not opposed to the program being offered to the residents. Sandie asked that the marketing agreement be emailed to Nathan and herself.

- b. Discussion on influent pump rebuild or replace at Waste Water Treatment Plant
Nathan and Bret shared that the quote that was approved on October 12, 2021 is not valid as that company was not supposed to quote the Village as we are not in their service area. Bret shared that the Village should be using Electric Pump and they quoted the pump at \$11,539.00. Bret confirmed that Electric Pump will hold the price of the pump until the end of the month. The quote will be on the October 26, 2021 consent agenda for approval.

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AND EVENTS COMMITTEE

Jen discussed that the fall drive-thru was October 16th and there are left over bags which Jen will leave at Village Hall to be distributed. Jen shared that she is moving on to the holiday party.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE

PARKS COMMITTEE

- a. Discussion on Community Park master plan, cost estimates, and pond engineering proposal
Parks Supervisor Nate Hill discussed the proposal to engage Fehr Graham to perform the necessary engineering for the pond project – reshape and deepen the pond and create the three soccer fields on the north end. Nate shared that Fehr Graham has provided the cost estimates for the pond and other grading that needs to be done. Nate discussed that he is looking into grants to pay for some of the project which may create a delay in the project depending upon the grant deadlines. Nate is asking to move forward with the engineering now and move forward with the project portion upon receipt of grant funding. The Committee confirmed that the engineering proposal includes the work listed in the packet, that the estimate to reshape the pond and create three new soccer fields would be around one million dollars, that the estimate does not include any infrastructure and only includes the ground work, and that the pond and soccer fields would be a two year project. Nate shared that the master plan with every amenity shown on the master plan is around \$2.5 million. Jen asked if the plans need to be approved before a grant can be awarded and William shared that it depends on the grant. The Committee discussed the depth of the pond and that until the engineer is complete there is not a set depth. Nate shared that the guidance given to the engineer was to provide a deep pond. William asked if there was a need for five soccer/football fields, and Nate confirmed that all fields could be used and full on a Saturday afternoon. John shared that the pond needs to be fixed and the rest can be discussed based on future budgets. William recommended the pond be engineered as a pond without the additional piers and lookout points, as those can be added later. Bill asked how long it would take for the Village to recover the cost of the park project and the Committee discussed that this is an amenity that will hopefully attract businesses and people to the Village. The proposal will be added to the October 26, 2021 agenda for approval under the Parks Committee. Nate shared that he will continue looking into opportunities to fund the park project and the Committee agreed.

STREETS & DITCHES COMMITTEE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- a. Verizon lease
- b. LR lease
William discussed that Aaron from LR clarified that they are not boring fiber under the tracks and will give the Village a line when the add fiber from Prairie Moon to the water plant which will go back to a manhole in the Village.
- c. Tree removal
William shared that Village Attorney Dan Bolin has drafted a waiver of liability for homeowners to sign every four years and would like to evaluate that option while still remove the dead tree. Sandie shared that one of the homeowners is excited of the possibility of the trees being removed and more than likely would not be interested in signing a waiver. Bret and Nate discussed that tree removal will continue through the winter. William will meet with Bret and Nate to review the trees.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public asked if there will be a pond maintenance program put into effect after the pond is repaired to ensure that it does not end up neglected like the Village Hall building. The Committee discussed difficulties of keeping the pond depth and options to assist with pond maintenance. Nate shared that the pond will be engineered with best management practices to begin with and an annual inspection to address any maintenance issues that come up.

ADJOURNMENT

John made a Motion to Adjourn the Meeting. Jen seconded the Motion. Motion passed on a unanimous roll call vote of those present at 7:49 p.m.

Sandie Maahs, Village Clerk