

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE**  
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX HALL  
208 E. MAIN STREET  
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2021  
5:00PM  
MINUTES

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL :** Present were: Jones, Strba, Bowden . Also present were Village Administrator, Aimee Ingalls, Bob Henke.

**3. MINUTES:** MOTION BY JONES, SECOND BY BOWDEN TO APPROVE MINUTES OF December 21, 2020. Jones, Bowden, Strba voting Aye. Motion carried.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** NONE

**SPRING CLEANUP:** Weather good, could have been better attended. doughnuts, coffee offered. A raffle was held. Gave away flowers. Possible offer free t-shirts as incentive to attend. Open House Public Works Building on same day, light attendance observed.

**5. AGENDA ITEMS:**

**Preliminary Drainage Studies:** Conrad and North Streets. Troy Golem doing study right now, the Phasing of it. Possibly next year.

**Railroad Street:** South of Corning, more traffic noticed recently. Jones suggested consider putting in half a street. Could it be done- now it is one lane.

**Blaine Street:** A big gully. Henke commented” Could only tweak it a tad bit. If raised, it would turn yards into ponds. Some kind of drainage needed gravity, a basin...”

**Wilson Street:** has been feathered. Curb sidewalk done.

**West Steet:** Did landscaping first. Seemed to work out better. Sod will be put in when weather is favorable.

**Tree removal:** On private property, a general thing, write a letter explain situation to property owner. Between sidewalk and street is parkway. Some of the trees are right up against the sidewalk. ComEd had program to take out/trim trees over utility lines. If resident calls to say tree is dangerous, but on homeowner’s property village can not do anything. Call ComEd if suggest they contact their insurance company.

Motion for approval of the Minutes: by Jones.

**5. Peotone 2021 Fall Tree Planting Program .** 400 trees taken down since 2012. Jones his son, and Mayor surveyed entire Village. Determined to start planting on Corning to West Street. Main to West St. Beyond that: the library, Connor Shaw Center 28 trees plotted now, Mill to Rathje, people own up to the sidewalk, so we can’t do that. Wires on other side of street, so not

do-able. Jones wondered how to measure to wires. Strba said "A phone app to measure this." Time frame: Hauert Street trees get very big, damage the sidewalk. Most trees we put in now are designed to stay small. Time frame indefinite to plant the trees. If we are awarded the grant, will have more to plant. Second Street, Crawford will give impact on approach to Village.

**6. Tree Maintenance Program Discussion:** Need 3 yards of mulch. 28 water 20 gallon water bags which need to filled every 3-4 days. Crucial to water. Even water into second year. Administrator said we send a letter to residents stating we will be planting a tree. This is part of the Tree Program, to replenish the ones we've had to take out. Residents could get on waiting list. If they request, eventually they will get a tree, one or two could go to the residents on the list. As the Program grows, the list of residents that would like a tree would remain. Prune eventually to maintain shape, remove sucker.

Possibly a 50/50 program. But option of choice would not possibly be available. Hopefully one or three days notice to be delivered, 5-7 different species. Tholen's has very good service. Another tree farm may be used, look and pick in Fall. An inventory of the trees would be helpful. Did 30, 90 total. Will need to put this in GIS.

**7. Facilities Maintenance Plan:** Roof repairs are being done. Just need a plan, put on Capital Plan going forward, to budget for it. Trucks are not kept outside.

**8. Sidewalk Plan:** Prices have gone up. Jones would like to see a 100% sidewalk program in the Village.

Three Phase: Sidewalk, street, trees. Discussion for Capital Plan. Pavement analysis. Break down into phases. Look at costs. Would enhance the impact of the town for residents who think of moving here. Look at other communities as to how they approach their sidewalk/road plans. Discussion of engineering spec.

**9. Hiring update for part time seasonal employee.** One applicant to date. CDL would be ideal. Truck Maintenance, plowing snow, watering trees. November to 1<sup>st</sup> week of April. Train them to get CDL. Overtime if snow. Discussed hiring part time public works employee, code enforcement temporary position.

**10. Hometown Heroes Banner Program Discussion about phase two implementation.** Appear smaller, but are the same size. Names are more difficult to read, in pilot program. Redesign to make names more visible.

**11. Snow Ordinance Discussion to Regulate Snow and Debris being put into the street.** Public needs to be aware of the Ordinance. 97.01 Depends on the heaviness of the snow. Think about a type of blower that would solve the problem.

**12. General Discussion:** If we could buy a plasma cutter with a blow torch, it will be safer with a box. Bob built box, Spreader Rack. Brandon and Bob can weld. Wire Feed weld, vs. Stick weld. A budget question.

13. Adjournment at 7:15pm