

VILLAGE OF PEOTONE
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES
Minutes of October 1, 2025

CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL

The Public Works Committee Meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm at the Municipal Complex Hall, 208 E. Main Street, Peotone, Illinois, by the Committee Chair, Trustee Strba. In attendance were Trustee Richards, Trustee Sandberg and Trustee Strba. Also present was Mayor Vieaux, Village Administrator Palmer, Village Clerk Hartwell and Public Works Manager Bob Hennke.

MINUTES

Motion by Sandberg, Second by Richards to approve the Public Works Committee minutes from June 9, 2025. All voted AYE.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

DISCUSS SIDEWALK REPLACEMENT, EQUIPMENT AND TRAINING

Bob has not gotten any equipment yet; he stated that it is more cost effective to get a truck and also use bags of concrete where needed. He has prepared a list of locations and will get quotes, Administrator Palmer will send the list to the complete board and the item will be brought to the board for a vote. There was \$50,000 budgeted in this year's budget for the sidewalk program. An RFP was created and will need to be sent out, he would like to see three bids, competitive bidding will be waived. Some of the locations on the list will be able to grind instead of complete replacement.

SUMMERTIME PROJECT UPDATE

The public works department worked on storm brush forks this summer and they will mainly be used for storm damage but are available as needed.

2025 BRUSH PICK UP RECAP

Brush pickup has gone well. There was about the same amount of brush as last year and residents have been complying with the guidelines. The equipment is maintained by the department and has held up well and there have been no issues.

DISCUSS 2025 REMOVAL AND PLANTING

There are three more tree removals to be done. Letters have gone out to residents and the trees will be planted the last week of October or beginning of November. Bob reported there could be tree issues in the next few years due to the drought.

DISCUSS MOSQUITO SPRAYING

Bob explained the differences between larvicide and spraying. His preference is larvicide as it stops them by killing the larvae before they become adults, it doesn't hurt the environment and there are better results. He is also able to obtain the briquettes at no cost from the County.

DISCUSS LEAF COLLECTION AND EQUIPMENT

Leaf collection will start October 20th and run through the first week of December. It is a weekly program that runs throughout the entire Village each week. The department will be preparing equipment next week.

DISCUSS SNOWPLOW ROUTES AND EQUIPMENT PREPARATION

The previous routes have worked out well and the department will have the inclusion of another employee this year. Each employee is designated a route but they will all work together as needed. The equipment is all in good condition and it will all be prepared by November 1st. Bob will get a price for a cloth cab for the tractor. Morton Salt has the State salt supply contract and the Village has salt remaining from last year. The Village stores most of its salt in town and also still has some at the township, the Village also still stores and provides salt for the School. There was some discussion about possibly looking at a salt dome for the next budget year.

DISCUSS WINTER PROJECT(S) FOR PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Bob has his staff working on ideas for what they would like to do for their winter project. It will encourage team building and he will inform everyone once a project has been decided on.

DISCUSS GENERAL STANDARDS LICENSING

Bob's license is up for renewal and the rest of his staff will attend along with him. It is run by the Department of Agriculture. Bob will take both general and mosquito and he is encouraging his staff to take what they would like.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

Administrator Palmer reported that the draft budget schedule will be starting with the December 15th board meeting and that he would like mileage and data on the vehicles and projects as they are working on the Capital Improvement Plan. He also announced that IDOT released a multi-year plan which includes I-57 and the interchange at Eagle Lake Road. The next Public Works Committee meeting will tentatively be on November 19th at 5:00pm, Bob will prepare a wish list and Public Works budget items including equipment and projects.

ADJOURNMENT- Motion by Sandberg, Second by Richards to adjourn the Public Works Committee meeting at 5:46 pm. All in Favor