



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES

AGENDA/ MINUTES

Thursday, February 25, 2021 – 9AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order

2. Roll Call Trustee Clarke; Trustee Zuckerman; Trustee Hartshorn Hilton; Joe Foligno, DPW; Alex Sansiviero, DPW; Sal Renda, Village Engineer; Lauren Maluchnik, Recording Secretary

Public: Michael Parlapiano
Dan Dietrich

Absent: Howard Levison

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- January 28, 2021

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mike Parlapiano- Mr. Parlapiano raised concerns regarding the Grove Rd. resurfacing. The intersection of Turrell and Grove is a safety concern.

Sal Renda explained that there is intention to straighten the angled crosswalk for safety reasons.

Dan Dietrich- Mr. Dietrich inquired how the Village determines the priority of repairs prior to receiving a Department of Transportation grant.

Walter Clarke explained that communication with all departments has been key in prioritization.

5. REPORTS

- **New Waterlands Bike Path & Bridge**

- Administration is working on keeping the project moving with the County. Engineering and Water are working together with the State and Mott McDonald who is scheduled to meet with the State Local Aid Agency the week of March 1 to review plans. The grant extension has been approved, the only time restriction is nesting birds.

- **Capital Projects**

- **Baird:** Demolition is in progress. Trustees are scheduled to meet with the Construction Manager the week of March 1.
- **Connett:** Plans are completed to secure the exterior of the building.

- **Water Utility Report**



- Water Utility is tracking how rainstorms impact flooding in basements around Grove Park.
- WU is working with East Orange Water regarding interconnects for emergency water connections.
- WU is working with SOPD regarding fencing around the reservoirs.
- WU is looking to hire interns (NJIT) to map GPS assets.
- WU continues to develop plans for the AMI project.
- **Joint Meeting of Essex & Union County (sewer)**
 - Joint Meeting is participating in Government study with State and Federal agencies to test "gray water" for COVID-19
- **Recycling**
 - Trustees Clarke and Hartshorn Hilton and Joe Foligno of DPW are working together to develop a recycling plan and met with architect, Alex Elias the week of February 15.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- **Grove Park Drainage-** The plan is to move along like last year and see how the project progresses.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- **River Day Plan & Support-** The Village is holding a socially distant River Day event on May 2. Discussion ensued regarding options to minimize interactions.
- **Spring Tree Planting, Grant**
 - Approximately 64 trees are to be planted by 3rd party. Questions regarding the efficiency of the mark-out process were raised.
 - A requirement of the Grant is that the trees remain alive.
 - Ideally, construction should be completed prior to planting.
 - Mr. Parlapiano mentioned that trees were damaged over the winter and inquired if they've been considered for replacement.
 - Trustee Clarke explained that the list is regularly updated and trees will be replaced as needed.
- **PSE&G System Upgrade**
 - Trustee Zuckerman raised concern about power outages and PSE&G's timeline to fix.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE – March 25, 2021; 9 AM

9. ACTION ITEMS

- RFP for 3rd party inspection (re: Bike path)
- Write letter to address issue with PSE&G

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:15 AM