



PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES AGENDA

Thursday, May 27, 2021 – 9AM
Virtual WebEx Meeting

ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Call meeting to Order

2. Roll Call

Trustee Haskins; Trustee Hartshorn Hilton; Adam Loehner, Village Administrator; Mike Candarella, DPW Director; Joe Foligno, DPW; Sal Renda, Village Engineer; Howard Levison, Water Utility Administrator; Lauren Maluchnik, Recording Secretary.

Public: Dan Dietrich, David Kraiker, Jessica

Absent: Trustee Coalier

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- April 22, 2021

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Jessica expressed concern regarding blacktop at Founders Park.

Suggestions of replacing with garden bed.

- Trustee Haskins requested a sketch of expectation
- Trustee Hilton suggested discussing ideas with Rec Committee

Mr. Kraiker expressed concern about the water in Founders Park. He also informed the committee that the equipment field box has been moved for ease of use.

Mr. Dietrich inquired about Waterlands updates.

5. REPORTS

- Public Works Report
 - DPW is currently handling a large tree removal project, replanting and tackling the ash borer issue.
 - Tree removal data- Trustee Haskins inquired about more detailed info on the tree removal project
- Water Utility Report
 - Howard explained there is a storm sewer leak by the Exxon station; in the process of assessing.
 - Howard recently completed a walkthrough with RVE with an estimated timeline of 2 months for the system evaluation.
- Joint Meeting of Essex & Union County (sewer)



- Trustee Haskins met with Joint Meeting on 5/20 to get a tour of the facility.
- Recycling/Solid Waste Sub Committee
 - Recommendations to Zero Waste Consultant- members met with Zero Waste and Maplewood with plans to produce community survey and info sheet.
 - Recycling Facility Site Plan- Facility plan has been drafted, though an update may be necessary to include equipment housing. Discussion ensued regarding whether the Village or the Architect should provide site plan.
- Grant Projects
 - New Waterlands Bike Path and Bridge- Engineering is still waiting for approval on structural design plan from DOT as well as the additional requested funds. A 3rd party contractor is needed for the project but plans need to be ironed out prior to hiring.
 - Grove Road- project has been delayed due to other work in the area. Project completion is expected prior to school opening in the fall. Estimated 75 day project to begin in approximately 2 weeks.
- Capital Projects
 - Baird Community Center- Tree issue is being addressed; awaiting utility connection input approvals. Asbestos has been removed and project timeline remains ~Dec. 21.
- County Projects
 - Irvington Ave. - A meeting is scheduled for 5/28 to review project. An issue with prequals delayed project. Projected start of mid-summer.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Tree Grant
 - Watering- Discussion ensued about best methods of watering.
- Scotland Road-
 - Trees / Watering – 24 trees planted along Scotland. Concern of appropriate watering.
 - Remaining County Work / Village Work? - Discussion about what's preventing project. County will not handle project and many issues holding Village back. Road has been repaved, too late to replace curbs.
- Grove Park Water Issue
 - Standing water concern being assessed by DPW.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Pedestrian Safety



Community concern regarding pedestrian safety. Discussion on how to make the Village ped friendly.

- Fall Tree Planting
 - NJ Tree Foundation – discussion of use of funds to plant in fall.
Bill to continue conversation with Lisa and work with Mike for plan for fall.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Would really like to move it to the 3rd Thursday at 8:00 – June 17th

9. ACTION ITEMS

10. ADJOURNMENT – 10:40 AM