

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING –

December 4, 2023

MEMBERS PRESENT: Zack Gallagher, Brian Blankenship, Troy Lauffer

GUESTS PRESENT: Earl Isaacs, Chris Colvin, Joette Dedden, Connie Miller

STAFF PRESENT: Chief Copeland, Jamie Morley

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 PM by Mr. Gallagher.
2. Quorum was achieved – Three members were present.
3. Mr. Blankenship motioned to accept the November 6, 2023 minutes, and Mr. Lauffer seconded.
3 Yeas
4. Chief Copeland went over ongoing and upcoming projects for the Village:
 - a. The Village scored high enough in the district to qualify for the OPWC Grant for Franklin Phase 2 in 2024. The Village's contribution will only be 21% of the project. The OPWC funds are typically released in June and will be put out to bid in July.
 - b. The OPWC grants are pass-through grants. This means Choice One and the Village Manager will approve the bills, and once approved, OPWC will release the funds and pay the bills up to the amount agreed upon. The Water and Wastewater Infrastructure grant for Third Street is a reimbursable grant. The Village will pay for the bills and then apply for reimbursement. I applied for this same grant for Fourth Street, and if approved, the specifications and bids must be done before 2024.
 - c. KT Holden is moving right along on the Franklin Phase I project. Unfortunately, there have been a few issues. I asked the owner not to store materials on the roadway as it blocks traffic. Furthermore, KT Holden hit Jamie Gabbard's sewer line for her office and needs to fix it.
 - d. I met with Michael Spicer of Moody's on Well 10. Mr. Spicer stated that the current production test for the new well was not as good as expected. They plan to use a percussion explosion to break up the area and vacuum the debris. Mr. Spicer feels this will drive up production to 400-450 GPH. The testing samples came back very clean. The plan is to have everything completed by the end of January.
 - e. SmithCorp should begin the Third Street project in January. The cost of the project will be covered entirely by grants: the OPWC grant (400K) and the Water and Wastewater Infrastructure Grant (500K).
 - f. Warren County is lining sanitary sewer lines throughout the Village. This is making it a little difficult for residents to get around town, but it will be worth it in the end.
 - g. Brian Kieth finished the backflow prevention checks and has sent the report to the OEPA.
 - h. Leaf pickup will finish on Friday to allow the Street Department to get ready for plowing season.
 - i. Fed Excavating has begun replacing the catch basins throughout the Village.
5. Mr. Lauffer asked if there was an estimated time for the Franklin project to be completed. Chief Copeland responded that they are taking about 2 ½ weeks per block. They will return in the spring to mill and fill the road.
6. All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 6:26 PM.

Jamie Morley
Clerk to Council