

Village of Lena
117 E. Main St., Lena, WI 54139
Public Works Minutes
December 16, 2024, 9:00 a.m.

Meeting was called to order.

Roll call: Robert Borchert, Steve Marquardt, Craig LeFebre

Also present: Terry Earley, Tyler Schmit, Jodi Marquardt

Approval of Agenda: Motion made by S Marquardt/LeFebre to approve the agenda. Motion voted and carried.

Approval of the Minutes from November 12, 2024, meetings: Motion made by S. Marquardt/Borchert to approve the minutes from November 12, 2024, meetings, as presented. Motion voted and carried.

Public Comment/Complaints: Informational report that the claim for 610 W Maple St was dismissed. The streetlight in front of Legion Hall shines very bright in resident windows. Tyler Schmit reported they is no adjustment that can be made.

Utility Report: November utility report was informational. The Railroad did send a letter reporting that the Village can proceed with the ice rink park on their property on East Railroad St.

Ayres Update: Schuh joined, via phone, for update with CWF loan and project plan approval and proceeding with bids. CWF loan project funding has been released. The total project cost \$3.78 million cost and we were awarded principal forgiveness of \$1.354 million. The remainder is eligible for a low interest DNR loan.

Influent/Effluent Flows: Informational.

Water Heater Replacement at Water Treatment Plant: Water heater not able to be repaired and needs replacement. Quotes were received from Beno Plumbing and United Heating and Plumbing. More research for placement of an on-demand vs a 40-gallon water heater is needed. Current bids will also require electrical updates.

DNR Toxicity Testing: Laura Gerold and Keri Flemming, WDNR, present via phone, discussing toxicity and test failures. Per DNR Village continues to fail toxicity testing. Saputo is now disconnected and dye testing complete to verify. Now the Village needs to start the process to diagnose and correct the failures. We had a failed test in 2012, passed in September 2021 and failed from July 2022 through now. This will include talking with all users who may have a source and sample the effluent flow in the lab to diagnose the problem. Sludge removal is complete, so the Village will again, this week, run a test. Per the DNR, TRE plan will need to be developed and initiated with monthly screening and work with an outside vendor, possibly ECT, to develop a plan. Terry Earley to research possible vendors to proceed.

Sidewalk Replacement: Kelby Cook and Tyler Schmit did a walk through to finalize the sidewalk. An informational meeting be held on January 8 at 6:30pm to allow residents the ability to get questions or concerns addressed. A letter is being sent this week. The Village portion of this project will be greater than \$35,000. Discussion on the Revolution Portion of sidewalk replacement in the sewer repair area. Public Works agrees to cover 25% of the cost due to the asset of the lateral improvements completed during the project.

Snowblower and Lawnmower Quotes: Options of a mini loader and lawnmower were discussed. Per Tyler Schmit, we will continue to use the Stiga, which is working well, and work towards the best option in the near future.

Lead and Copper: Terry Earley is working with a company who is contracted through the DNR to assist in corrective action. No cost to the Village.

Miscellaneous: Nothing

Next meeting, Tuesday, January 14, 2025 @ 8:30am.

Adjournment: Motion S Marquardt/LeFebre to adjourn. Motion voted and carried.

Respectfully submitted, Jodi A. Marquardt, Clerk/Treasurer