

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES

January 19, 2026

Chairman Baumgartner called the regular meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 6:30 pm. Members present: Mayor Peterson, Dan Baumgartner, Dave Bennington and Jamin Unger
Staff present: Dan Barber, Sally Bennett, Kevin Bunge, Mark Henderson, Don Self and Happy Welch

Motion by Mr. Unger, second by Mr. Bennington, to waive the reading of and approve the minutes of January 5, 2026. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Henderson, Community Development Director, advised the Committee there are three ordinances up for approval under zoning at the Village Board meeting on January 20, 2026. Mr. Henderson said that two of the ordinances are for driveway variances and the other is a map amendment from residential to commercial zoning. Mayor Peterson inquired if the two driveway variances could be modified for approval and Mr. Welch responded that they could.

VILLAGE ENGINEER – ADAM BUNGE

Village Engineer Kevin Bunge gave his report. A copy of the engineering status report is on file with the Village Clerk's office.

MAYOR – JOHN PETERSON

Mayor Peterson stated that the Village Board will have executive session tomorrow night.

Mayor Peterson commented that Augie Christopher thinks the picnic tables for the pool was a wonderful idea to purchase with the donated funds in memory of his wife, Millicent Christopher.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – HAPPY WELCH

Mr. Welch stated that he provided a copy of the IT policy to the Village Board for review and inquired if there was any feedback. Mr. Welch said that he spoke with Jeff Garcea, the Village's IT provider, and he's going to take a look at it as well. Mr. Welch commented that this covers most of it and that this wasn't going to be distributed publicly since the content is sensitive.

Mr. Welch advised the Committee that he is looking at the health insurance renewal. Mr. Welch said that there is a 21% increase and that the Village is bound by the police union contract. Mr. Welch said that he is going to check and see if this can be delayed a week, but that it needs to be signed by February 1st.

BUILDINGS AND PARKS - DAN BAUMGARTNER

Motion by Mr. Baumgartner to approve the purchase requisition for Northland Equipment Co. for a Tommy Gate tailgate lift (including installation) at a cost of \$4,965, second by Mr. Bennington. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Motion by Mr. Baumgartner to approve the purchase requisition for Premier polysteel for memorial picnic tables in the amount of \$5,496, second by Mr. Bennington. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Baumgartner stated that the special events application for Teti Fest (February 5th – 7th) is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 20, 2026. The Committee was okay with this.

WATER, SEWER, & GARBAGE – JAMIN UNGER

Motion by Mr. Unger to approve the purchase requisition for LAI Ltd. for a WATT telescoping valve with shipping at a cost of \$3,865, second by Mr. Bennington. Roll call. All ayes. Motion approved 3-0.

Mr. Unger stated that the purchase requisition for McMahon Engineering for the Wastewater RRA and ERP in the amount of \$10,000 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting on January 20, 2026. Mr. Barber advised the Committee that OSHA has changed several requirements and this needs to be done. The Committee was okay with this.

Mr. Unger stated that the low bid for Well #5 sanitary service from Northern Illinois Service Co. in the amount of \$42,365 is up for approval at the Village Board meeting. Mr. Unger said that the Village Board will need to waive the formal bid process as well. Mr. Barber stated that this has to be installed before the PFAS treatment can be done. The Committee was okay with this.

STREETS AND WALKS – DAVID BENNINGTON

None.

PUBLIC WORKS – DAN BARBER

Mr. Barber stated that the Public Works Department had an OSHA inspection.

Mr. Barber advised the Committee that he will be off work starting on February 3rd for shoulder surgery, but will be in contact with Jake Costello, Public Works Superintendent, daily.

PARKS & RECREATION DIRECTOR – DON SELF

Mr. Self stated that Gates Electric looked at the timer at the ice rink and they had to rewire it at the box from 100 amp service to 10 amp service.

Mr. Self said that he's working on equipment maintenance while it's cold outside and doing a lot of plowing.

Mr. Self added that the bathrooms at the athletic complex are having a sealant applied to the concrete floors along with our half of the concession stand area.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS ALLOWED BY LAW

None.

ADJOURN

Motion by Mr. Unger, second by Mr. Bennington, to adjourn at 7:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Christina Stewart
Village Clerk