

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP

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The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Public Works Building. In attendance were President Tony Sindelar, Chairman Jason Pierce, committee members Bob Berry and Melvin Waller; also in attendance was Public Works Director Beth Schultz, and Jerry Sonnenberg.

The agenda for the meeting was:

- 1} Roll Call
- 2} Approve meeting minutes from February 26, 2025
- 3} Citizen input
- 4} Meet with the new Public Works Director and discuss concerns
- 5} Discuss and make recommendation on East Lake Street nuisance property
- 6} Discuss fence violation on Raymond Street and make recommendation
- 7} Discuss procedure and signage when removing buoys at beach
- 8} Discuss tree removal quote
- 9} Update on meter installs not completed, and the next step to get the installs completed
- 10} Adjournment

A majority of the Village Board may be present but no Board action is contemplated.

Approval of February 26, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Berry, second by Waller to approve the February 26, 2025, Public Works Minutes, motion carried.

Citizen Input

The Committee discussed that the Village has few of our streetlights out. Schultz will look into getting them fixed.

The Committee talked about vehicles and the plow trucks. The yellow plow truck, every year the plow keeps falling off, multiple times a year. It's because of the way it's attached to the truck. Waller and Berry have a lot of experience with plow trucks, and they suggested contacting the county and looking at a different kind of hitch and refitting it.

Pierce stated that the red plow truck is out of service. It's not going to be on the road anymore. The same with the dually. It has a bad rearend and a cracked frame and is out of service. The brush truck has been in disrepair for years and we can't get parts for it. The Committee was discussing what route they want to go. What they need to replace. Even the Ford pickup that they use for driving and getting around the Village the transmission slips, and we've had that rebuilt multiple times. The Village is in need a multiple vehicle. The Committee is trying to decide what they want to go with. They might go with a smaller truck so that they can get another truck too. Or they might try to find one that can do multiple things, they're unsure.

Meet with the new Public Works Director and discuss concerns

The Committee met with Schultz for the first time. One of the concerns is she wasn't able to find the list that had of all the meters that still need to be changed out that was missing. She has since found that.

Discuss and make recommendation on East Lake Street nuisance property

This discussion was tabled because it is going before the Village Board on April 7th.

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Discuss fence violation on Raymond Street and make recommendation

The Committee discussed the fence violation on Raymond Street. They want to recommend that they get the property surveyed, and proceed with having the fence removed.

Discuss procedure and signage when removing buoys at beach

The Committee discussed the signage they want to use when they remove the buoys at the beach when they bring in the weed harvester. They want to get signs to say that the beach will be closed tomorrow 7-12, or something along those lines. Then have Schultz put the sign out the day before, and remove the sign afterwards.

Discuss tree removal quote

Public Works got a quote from Griffith to remove some trees that keep losing limbs during storms and are dead. There are 2 on the south side of Moundview Drive, and trim 2 on 3rd Street.

Update on meter installs not completed, and the next step to get the installs completed

Schultz is going to send out letters to the residents that still have not received the new meters letting them know that they need to be changed out or their water will be turned off.

Adjournment

Motion by Berry, second Waller to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Rebecca Reuter
Deputy Clerk