

VILLAGE OF FRIENDSHIP

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday, May 28, 2025– Page 1

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

The agenda for the meeting was:

- 1} Roll Call
- 2} Approve meeting minutes from April 30th, 2025
- 3} Citizen input
- 4} Update of meter installs
- 5} Discuss chairs and table replacement
- 6} Discuss light pole at 604 Superior Street
- 7} Discuss Village equipment and vehicles
- 8} Discuss crack filling estimates
- 9} Discuss striping and painting of the curbs on Hwy 13 estimates
- 10} Discuss Ordinance amending section 6-5 4, Obstruction and Encroachments
- 11} Discuss ACEC's water meter
- 12} Discuss bikes and scooters in cold storage
- 13} Adjournment

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

Approval of April 30, 2025, Minutes

Motion by Waller, second by Pierce to approve the April 30th, 2025, Public Works Minutes, motion carried.

Citizen Input

There was no citizen input.

Update of meter installs

Schultz stated that she has 3 meters that still need to be replaced. One is a weekender from IL on East Lake St.; she is having a hard time getting together with him because he doesn't come here very often. The other resident has their phone shut off and she's having trouble getting a hold of them because of that.

The 3rd one is ACEC. They have had a plumber come in 3 different times. The plumber brought the wrong fittings. Schultz stated that we need to make a choice if we are going to leave it as a manual read or if we want to hire a plumber and have it all changed out.

Berry stated that it's not for us to change out fittings. ACEC needs to do that to accommodate us so that we can put that meter in.

Schultz was unaware of that.

Berry stated that Schultz could call the PSC and ask them just to make sure. He asked that whatever their answer is that they send it to her in an email so that we have it in writing. Berry also let her know that once a year the large meters need to be tested. A business by the name of L&R Meter testing, the person's name is Chris. Schultz can talk to Chris from the City of Adams about it. They normally try to do Adams and Friendship's at the same time.

Discuss chairs and table replacement

Schultz stated that she sent an email to Samanth from Grande, but she hasn't gotten back to her yet. She is hoping to get some information from her on where to get some.

Berry asked how bad the tables and chairs are.

Schultz responded that we have another one that just broke. She stated that the tables are made with that pressed wood on the back, so we really can't screw anything in there. If she finds out that Grande isn't going to help out at all then she will proceed forward.

Discuss light pole at 604 Superior Street

Schultz had a guy come up to her and ask if we could move a light pole when she was out checking on the trees on Superior St. He would like to see the light pole moved out of his yard.

Berry stated that there really isn't anything that we can do about it.

Waller stated that it's Alliant's light pole.

Discuss Village equipment and vehicles

Sonnenberg stated that he went over to Wisconsin Rapids and looked at TJ's auto. They have 3 different trucks that are available. He feels all 3 of them would work. He would like them to go look at them so that the Committee can bring something to the Board at our next meeting. One of them at TJ's is a 2011 RAM 5500, it is the best of the ones that he saw. It has 99,000 miles on it, and it's a diesel. They have come down in price about \$1000 from where they were. That one is \$45,700.

The other one he looked at was a 2013 Chevy Silverado. It's a two-wheel drive with 88,000 miles on it. There's no rust on the cab. It comes with a plow and a sander. It is \$27,900.

Berry stated that he would like to see us get a four-wheel drive truck and use the plow that we already have.

Sonnenberg stated that the other one was a 2019 Ford F-150 Super Duty 4x4. The price is \$52,300. He would like the Committee to go with him to look at these trucks.

Pierce asked if the truck beds would be long enough on these trucks?

Berry stated that yes, these trucks would be used for just a run around truck. The haul truck will need a minimum of a 14-foot bed for hauling brush, and for hauling snow.

Waller and Sonnenberg will go look at the trucks together.

Schultz stated that she would like to put a little input on the plow truck. She did take it to Fenner's last week. She had the oil pan fixed. They sanded the oil pan all down, and did JB Weld. She is hopeful that will do the job. They also fixed the backup alarm. Fenner's wanted to buy a new oil pan for it, but Schultz wanted to try this first. Fenner's said they did a little inspection on the truck when they had it and told Schultz that it's really rusting out underneath. She stated that we just had it inspected with the county. Fenner's said he didn't know who was inspecting over there but that we should look at our back corner panels.

Waller stated it should have a bedliner coating, maybe it's rusting under that.

Waller asked if Sonnenberg went to look at the Town of Adams truck?

Sonnenberg stated that he went to go look at it, and that it's in good shape.

Waller agreed. He stated that the Town of Adams wants \$25,000 for it. He trusts Dick over there. They had it gone over, and had some repairs done on it. Everything is all up to snuff. It has a mid-wing like what we have. The inside of the cab looks like it's in really good shape. They took care of it. He asked them to keep us in mind before advertising it.

Berry stated that with the \$87,000 they have in the budget, and depending on what they could get the small truck for, plus that plow truck then they just need to figure out what they are going to do for a haul truck. Berry asked where we are with putting some of the equipment on the Wisconsin surplus to get rid of it?

Schultz stated that she hasn't had a chance to do anything. She said that they did work in the shed that other day and got some stuff started.

Schultz asked to back up a little bit and talk about the yellow plow truck again. She stated that when we took the yellow plow truck to the county and had it inspected. To get it to start she has to sprat ether in the air filter. She shouldn't have to do that. The guy at the county stated that he thought that maybe it was just a lose connection in the batterie box.

Berry stated that come winter we're going to need a plow truck that's going to be dependable and safe.

Pierce stated that he never knew the yellow plow truck was so bad. He thought it was in a lot better shape.

Berry stated that it could be injectors going bad. It could be a computer system; it could be a whole lot of different things.

Waller stated that they will go look at the trucks tomorrow and then they will have a recommendation for the Board. Then go from there.

Discuss crack filling estimates

Schultz stated that she couldn't do any estimates because they never picked the roads.

Waller recommends that they try and do Grand Street from Lake Street to North Street, and Raymond Street from Lake Street to North Street.

Pierce stated that if we advertise it then we have to fill the cracks, but if we just call and get estimates then we don't. So, he doesn't think that we have to advertise. But maybe we want to be committed to it, because it needs to be done.

Berry stated that he thinks Schultz should just call around and get some estimates. Then they can discuss it more and figure out when they want to do it.

Discuss striping and painting of the curbs on Hwy 13 estimates

Berry stated that they do have one quote from SSI for \$4,850.00. They have used them in the past.

Waller recommended that we suggest to the Board that we go ahead with this, second by Pierce.

The Committee agreed.

Discuss Ordinance amending section 6-5 4, Obstruction and Encroachments

After the discussion Berry would like to make the recommendation to get it done, second by Waller.

Discuss ACEC's water meter

This was discussed in agenda item #4

Discuss bikes and scooters in cold storage

Schultz stated that we have abandoned bikes and scooters that Ron found at the beach or the park, and she was just wondering if we could donate those.

Waller asked what kind of shape they are in?

Schultz answered that she thinks they are ones that kids just forgot. She just wants to get rid of them.

Berry would make the recommendation to take them out to Bucks recycling and get what we can for them.

Pierce asked if anyone reported them to see if they were stolen or anything that we need to worry about? He assumes our guys would've said something to someone.

Berry stated that if there is other metal lying around that she wants to get rid of that she can take that there also. She can't take the old meters for a year, because we need to hold onto them for a year in case anyone would have any questions. But when she's there she could ask him what we could get for all the brass meters and then call around and find out from other places. Then when it's time to get rid of them we'll know where to take them.

Adjournment

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

Rebecca Reuter
Deputy Clerk