

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE  
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN

**Monthly Meeting of the Public Works Committee**  
**Wednesday July 17, 2024 @ 3:00 PM**

Village Trustee O'Neill called the Public Works committee meeting to order on Wednesday July 17, 2024 at 3:11pm.

**Members Present:** Mike McKay, Al Kaminski, Trustee O'Neill, Bruce Adreani

**Member Absent:** Russ Ceschi, Scott Vilona, Mark Kennedy

**Also Present:** Kevin Day, Theresa Loomer, Rick Dousman, Joe Haughey, Matt Patterson

**Visitors Heard**

No visitors heard.

**General Business**

**Approve Minutes for June 18, 2024**

Kaminski/McKay 2<sup>nd</sup> made the MOTION to approve the minutes for the June 18, 2024 meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Letter Received from Buena Vista Regarding Utility and Road Infrastructure Work**

Rick Dousman from Buena Vista Club stated the Club is planning to reconstruct their six roads in the foreseeable future, possibly 2026-2027. Dousman stated the Buena Vista Club is asking for the Village to replace the water main and any sewer main rehabilitation during the road reconstruction project. Dousman stated Buena Vista Club would remove the asphalt, the Village would replace the watermain, then Buena Vista would finish grade and asphalt the streets. Loomer stated the Village should take steps into identifying what needs to be done, watermain replacement, sewer lining, and obtaining easements. Adreani asked about storm water management. Patterson stated they are putting together a storm water management plan. Haughey stated Buena Vista is working with Lynch Engineering on the plans for the road replacement along with storm drainage management.

Adreani/Kaminski 2<sup>nd</sup> made the MOTION to recommend the Village Board direct the Village Engineer obtain costs for watermain replacement, and sewer lining, for the Buena Vista Utility and Road Infrastructure Work, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

**Discussion or Action on Request Received from Abbey Springs for Storm Related Clean-Up**

Loomer stated she received a request from Abbey Springs for help from the Village to pick up brush after the tornado a few weeks ago. Loomer stated the Village has not picked up brush in Abbey Springs for approximately 15 years. Day stated the reason the Village stopped picking up brush was mostly because the brush was being set out by contractors and contractors are responsible for removal of their own brush per ordinance, and it was too much for the Village Public Works to handle. Day stated that there are certain private subdivisions that get their brush picked up by the village. Kaminski stated if we pick up the brush in Abbey Springs it could start a precedent of either having to pick up brush consistently in Abbey Springs and/or start picking up brush for all the private subdivisions. Day stated if we start picking up brush in Abbey Springs on a consistent basis, he will

need to hire another person for the additional workload. Loomer stated if we start offering more services to the private subdivisions, the Village will have to budget for those additional services and likely does not have the funds necessary without cutting some other services.

Adreani/O'Neill 2<sup>nd</sup> made the MOTION to have the Village Attorney look into a legal review of picking up brush and leaves in private subdivision verses a public subdivision and present that opinion along with the request at the next board meeting, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

#### **Discussion or Action on Kinzie Path Erosion**

Day stated that since the last meeting, the Public Works Department has improved the drainage issues on Kinzie Path, which has helped with the gravel to not wash out. Day stated the cost for the landscaping pavers the committee recommended would be approximately between \$4,000-\$6,000 depending on the width of the path. Day stated he would like to do more drainage improvements before a decision is made on the path.

#### **Update on 2024 Street & Utility Projects**

Day stated Fontana Avenue is nearly complete. The asphalt is complete, shouldering is complete, and landscaping will be complete in the next week. The water main on Berwyn Drive has begun and is going well and the temporary access road entrance was installed off Forest Glen Drive. Day stated Wanasek plans to return to Shabbona Drive right after Labor Day.

#### **Update on Well Site Investigation Report for Well No. 5**

Day stated the Well No. 5 site plan has been approved by the DNR. The next step is the design plan which Ruekert-Mielke are currently working on. Day stated there would be an update at the next meeting.

#### **Discussion or Action on Mesita Road Vacant Parcel**

Loomer stated the vacant property on Mesita Road has been sold. Loomer stated the Conservancy has contacted her regarding the property for sale at 500 S. Main St. to see if the Village might be interested in purchasing the property with the Conservancy depending on cost. Loomer will have more information at the next meeting.

#### **Set Next Meeting Date**

The next meeting date was set for August 14, 2024 at 3:00 pm.

#### **Adjournment**

McKay/Adreani 2<sup>nd</sup> made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 4:05 pm, and the MOTION carried without negative vote.

Minutes prepared by DPW/Kevin Day

Approved: 09-25-24