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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

Village of Niles Public Works Building
6849 Touhy Avenue
January 20, 2023 at 9:00 am

- I. Call to Order** – Chair called the meeting to order at 9:00 am

- II. Roll Call** – Trustee Matyas – Yes, Tony Dati – Yes , Tom Powers – Yes, Dan Balzano – No / also in attendance Village Forester Todd Jackson, Utilities Superintendent Jack Grana, resident Mike Shields.

- III. Approval of Meeting Summary**

Approval of October 21, 2022 Trustee Matyas made the motion and Tom Powers seconded the motion. Tom Powers Yes, Tony Dati – Yes , Trustee Matyas - Yes

- IV. Old Business** - None

- V. New Business**

Item 1 –FY 24 Capital Improvement Plan – Tom Powers explained items in the capital improvement plan for FY24. The village has already laid the ground work to say it's going to be tight year for budgets. Tom spoke about vehicle replacements for various departments, remodeling projects at public works, green ally project, meter reading, safety improvements, roof issues from family services and village signage.

Item 2 – Light Pole Christmas Decoration Review - Artistic Design and Sternberg Offer – Tom Powers explained that Sternburg has offered to pay for new decorations because of the weight issues with the old decorations. Because of the fact they are breakaway poles which are required by IDOT, the weight of the pole comes in to play. The new street light poles were specked to handle them and do not. Sternburg is taking responsibility for the issue and want to make it right. Tom showed slides of what our street light poles could handle with weight requirements. The committee liked the Christmas tree and the popping present. Trustee Matyas

made motion to approve two decoration picked by the committee, Christmas tree and popping present along with one other option if available to the village board for final approval.

Item 3 – Urban Forestry Management Plan Review and Recommendation - Tony Dati gave a detailed PowerPoint presentation on the plan moving forward. Tony explained the importance of trees for the future of Niles. Niles will be planting approximately 350 trees per year. Public works is planting approximately 180 trees currently. Niles has almost 1000 open planting spaces in residential neighborhoods. The Power Point was very detailed and explained that the adopting the plan will not require any additional expenses. It will only require a commitment from the village board. Motion to recommend the adoption of the 2022 Urban Forest Management Plan was made my Tony Dati, seconded by Tom Powers. All in favor , Trustee Matyas – Yes, Tom Powers –Yes, Tony Dati - Yes

VI. **Public Comments** – Mike Shields made comments about how great the presentation was and made some helpful suggestions. He is excited to see it go to the board.

VII. **Adjournment** Trustee Matyas made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 am. Tom powers seconded, all in favor Tony Dati – yes, Tom Powers – yes, Trustee Matyas - yes