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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Village of Niles Public Works Building
6849 Touhy Avenue
January 20, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.**

I. Call to Order 9:00 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Trustee Danette Matyas, Chair - Yes
Tom Powers, Director of Public Works - Yes
Tony Dati, Streets Superintendent - Yes
Dan Balzano – No

Also in attendance: Jack Grana Utilities Superintendent, Todd Jackson, Village Forester and resident Mike Shields.

III. Approval of Meeting Summary

Trustee Matyas made a motion to approve the October 21, 2022 meeting minutes. Tom Powers seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

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 Administration has informed all Village departments that budgets continue to be tight. Tom Powers spoke about vehicle replacements for various departments, remodeling projects at Public

Works, Green Alley 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 Sternberg 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 into play. The new streetlight poles were specified to handle the new decorations but do not. Sternberg is taking responsibility for the issue and wants to make it right. Tom Powers showed slides of what our streetlight poles could handle with weight requirements. The committee liked the Christmas tree and popping present along with one other option if available. Trustee Matyas requested a motion to approve two decorations picked by the committee, Tony Dati seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

Item 3 – Urban Forestry Management Plan Review and Recommendation

Tony Dati gave a detailed presentation on the plan moving forward. He explained the importance of trees for the future of Niles. The Village will be planting approximately three-hundred and fifty (350) trees per year. The Public Works Department is currently planting approximately one hundred and eighty (180) trees. Niles has almost one thousand (1,000) open planting spaces in residential neighborhoods. The presentation was very detailed and explained that the adoption of the plan will not require any additional expenses. It will only require a commitment from the Village Board. A motion to recommend the adoption of the 2022 Urban Forest Management Plan was made by Tony Dati. Tom Powers seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

VI. Public Comments

Resident Mike Shields complimented the presentation and made some helpful suggestions.

VII. Adjournment

Trustee Matyas made a motion to adjourn at 11:08 a.m. Tom Powers seconded. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned.