



Memorandum

Office of the Village Manager

TO: Honorable President Narsh and Village Council
FROM: Darwin D. P. McClary, Village Manager
DATE: May 22, 2023

RE: **VILLAGE MANAGER'S REPORT**

WEST VILLAGE LOFTS DEVELOPMENT PROJECT UPDATE

This project involves the redevelopment of the Ehman Center property (old high school) on Elizabeth Street for multi-family residential use. The developer received a commercial rehabilitation tax abatement and MEDC funding to complete the project. The developer for this project has hired an architect and engineer to complete the construction drawings for the project. The developer intends to submit the project for final PUD approval to the planning commission in June and village council in July. final PUD submission and anticipates submitting final PUD documents to the village in June. A full set of construction documents should be ready by August 1. The developer intends to apply for permits, put together construction costs, and be ready to close on financing by November 1.

PARK AVENUE RETAINING WALL

The Village Engineer is still waiting for an updated design from the structural engineer. The concern is the proximity of the new wall with another existing wall. NFE revised the alignment according to the structural engineer's most recent requests, and attached is a copy of the most recent Civil plan. NFE is waiting for the structural engineer's updated plan.

MEEKS PARK PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE REPLACEMENT PROJECT

Demolition and reconstruction of the Meeks Park pedestrian bridge is scheduled to begin on Monday or Tuesday, May 22 or 23. A notice has been posted on the village's web site informing the public of this work and to seek alternate walking, hiking, and biking routes for the next few months. We are excited to see this long-awaited project come to fruition!

BELLEVUE WATER MAIN DWSRF ELIGIBILITY ISSUE

We continue to work through the issue of the Bellevue water main replacement eligibility for DWRF funding with EGLE and the village's engineers.

WEB SITE REDESIGN PROJECT UPDATE

Staff will be meeting with our website redesign consultants to begin the process of setting up department pages and migrating content from the old site to the new. We expect the new site to be available to the public by mid-June.

PARKING METER INSTALLATION COST

Public Works has received one price quote for a downtown parking management system, and we are reviewing the details of the quote. We are waiting for a quote from a second company.

ORDINANCE RECODIFICATION UPDATE

I have received feedback from the Oakland County Water Resources Commissioner and the Orion Township Fire Department on suggested updates to the village's code and have forwarded those suggestions on to the Village Attorney for submission to Municode.

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING UPDATE

POAM collective bargaining is ongoing. We have several dates scheduled in June to continue negotiations, and I will be requesting a closed session with council to review the status once we have substantive issues worked out. The current contract expires on June 30, 2023.

AFSCME has not yet met with administration. The union business agent has been dealing with health issues requiring the union to assign another business agent to handle negotiations. We expect collective bargaining to begin within the next couple weeks. The current contract expires on June 30, 2023.

2022 PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN APPROVAL STATUS

While navigating the MiGrants portal, I found that the village's 2022 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was never finalized and approved by the State of Michigan. Documentation was lacking. Planning and Zoning Coordinator Belko and I have gathered the additional documents and have uploaded them to the system for review and approval. I will let council know when our plan has been approved.

ATWATER STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING SIGNAL

We will be receiving the equipment on Thursday for the replacement of the damaged pedestrian crossing signal on Atwater Street and will commence installation as soon as possible. The equipment supplier is backlogged on equipment orders, and the delivery of the equipment took longer than expected.

IMPORTANT DATES

- May 23, 2023 – Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee regular meeting
- May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day holiday – VILLAGE OFFICES CLOSED
- May 29, 2023 – Memorial Day Race and Memorial Day Services and Parade