

**CITY OF PORT WASHINGTON
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
MINUTES
TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**

ROLL CALL: Chairman Jason Wittek called the Board of Public Works meeting to order at 5:34 pm in the Common Council Chamber at the City Hall. Members present: Alderman John Sigwart, Alderman Pat Tearney (by Zoom), Alderman Mike Gasper, and Jim Haley. Also, present were Director of Public Works Rob Vanden Noven, and Water Supt. Dan Fisher. Absent and excused: City Administrator Tony Brown, Wastewater Supt. Dan Buehler, Street Commissioner JD Hoile, City Arborist Jon Crain, and Tom Nenning of City Water.

Chairman's Business: There was none.

Approval of Minutes for June 21, 2022: **MOTION BY MIKE GASPER AND SECONDED BY JIM HALEY TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments/Appearances: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

New Business:

A. CONSIDERATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON A LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR GRANT ASSISTANCE FROM THE FUND FOR LAKE MICHIGAN FOR PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING ON THE BLUFF AT UPPER LAKE PARK: Director of Public Works Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item for the Board Members. He stated that on June 8, 2022, a major bluff slide forced the closure of the north beach because of safety and beach access concerns. The Lakeshore Natural Resources Partnership (LNRP), teamed with Water365, has offered their services to submit an emergency grant application to the Fund for Lake Michigan (FFLM) to pay the costs of preliminary engineering. This preliminary engineering report will better enable the City to target additional sources of grant funding for additional engineering and the construction of bluff stabilizing measures and associated park improvements. By performing this work now, the City will be better positioned to take advantage of several coastal resiliency funding opportunities in obtaining a FFLM grant is improved if the BPW submits a letter of support with this application. Staff recommends the Board of Public Works approve a letter of support for a grant application to the Fund for Lake Michigan to pay for the preliminary engineering work on the North Beach Bluff. Board Members discussed this item and agreed to submitting a letter of support. **MOTION BY JOHN SIGWART AND SECONDED BY MIKE GASPER that staff and the Board of Public Works provide a letter of support for a grant application to the Fund For Lake Michigan to pay for preliminary engineering work on the North Beach Bluff as presented. Motion carried unanimously.**

B. CONSIDER STREETLIGHTING POLICY IN NEW DEVELOPMENTS: Director of Public Works Rob Vanden Noven reviewed this item with the Board Members. He stated that under Municipal Code 18.06.000 Required Improvements. H. Street Lights. The City shall provide, at subdivider's expense all streetlights in the subdivision as approved by the Board of Public Works and City Engineer. This requirement has been fulfilled by developers in three different manners. 1) The developer designs and installs a street light system that is powered, connected, and controlled by one or more central cabinets. When construction is completed, the system is the responsibility of the City in

full (maintenance and power); 2) The developer has WE Energies install a full lighting system, lighting corners and mid-blocks. This system requires the Homeowners or Condo Association to pay the WE Energies for ongoing maintenance costs in perpetuity, while the City pays the energy costs; and 3) The developer installs WE Energies lighting at intersections only and requires each homeowner to maintain a coach light in front of their homes. The homeowner's association pays for the maintenance cost of the WE Energies lights and each individual homeowner is required to maintain and pay the energy costs for the coach light in front of their home. This is the most popular option because it is the least expensive for the City, because the City is only liable for the energy cost of the lights at the intersections. At the request of Alderman Sigwart, staff is bringing this item for discussion by the Board Members to gather input on whether or not we continue with this policy or alter it going forward. The Board Members discussed this item with various ideas. The Director of Public Works is reviewing the information collected at this meeting. This is informational only.

Project Updates: Staff reports for Engineering, Wastewater, Water, Street, City Water, and private developments were reviewed by the Director of Public Works. The Board Members discussed these reports.

Forthcoming Events: Director of Public Works Rob Vanden Noven introduced the new Water Superintendent Dan Fisher and reviewed his background. On Friday, July 15, 2022, the Recreation Department is having a movie at the swimming pool.

ADJOURNMENT: MOTION BY JIM HALEY AND SECONDED BY JOHN SIGWART to adjourn the meeting at 6:26 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.