



## PUBLIC WORKS

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### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

**Village of Niles Public Works Building  
6849 Touhy Avenue  
April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**

**I. Call to Order 10:00 a.m.**

**II. Roll Call**

Trustee Danette Matyas, Chair - Yes  
Tom Powers, Director of Public Works - Yes  
Tony Dati, Streets Superintendent - Yes  
Dan Balzano, Committee Member – Absent  
Also in attendance were Finance Director Kent Oliven, Michael Worthmen from KOLA, Village Engineer, Tim O'Brien and Village staff Engineer Bob Rado.

**III. Approval of Meeting Summary**

Trustee Matyas made a motion to approve the March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023 meeting minutes. Tony Dati seconded. All in favor. Motion passed.

**IV. Old Business - None**

**V. New Business**

Item 1 – Rate Study Consultant Selection.

Public Works Director Tom Powers and Finance Director Kent Oliven explained the rate study. Tom explained that it's no longer called a rate study, but a funding scenario for lead service line replacement. The purpose of the study is to develop funding scenarios for the lead service lines and the Village's operational costs. The Village interviewed the

top two consultants. NewGen was the better of the two companies and had a better team. Trustee Matyas asked since they are from out of state will this be a problem. Kent Oliven explained it should not be a problem. Kent also explained how our system works to the committee. He spoke about fixed costs and variable systems. They have done all three of our non-Chicago neighbors. Tom explained that they both provide the Village with spreadsheets to come up with our own scenarios. They also are providing everything Niles asked for in the RFP. NewGen had a better package and a better team. They also had more experience in Illinois. NewGen will provide Niles three options for the Village to work with and review. The study with scenarios would be completed in this calendar year so the board will be able to make a decision by the end of the year. Tom Powers made a motion to send the funding scenarios with NewGen to the Board at \$65,000. Tony Dati seconded the motion. All in favor – Motion Passed.

#### Item 2 – Stop Sign Study.

Michael Worthmen from KOLA explained that the purpose of the study was to provide more consistency throughout the Village. A higher level of consistency results in better compliance and better driver expectation. KOLA showed the committee all the intersections and traffic control. A very detailed explanation of our traffic control was explained. Neighborhood one (Jonquil Terrace) and ten (Oasis) were looked at in this study. The study revealed that the Village has good traffic control throughout both neighborhoods. Neighborhood ten had 3 accidents over 6 years, which is reasonable. Neighborhood one had 20 accidents over 6 years, which is reasonable considering the size of the area and number of intersections. Most of these accidents were property damage. Both areas showed less than 1,000 vehicles traveling through per day. KOLA made recommendations on the placement of stop signs in these areas. If new signs are erected, flags will be placed on them to alert drivers that they are new. Tony Dati made a motion to recommend and accept the study with no revisions and send the study to the Village Manager for approval. Trustee Matyas Seconded. All in favor – Motion Passed.

#### Item 3 – Kirk Lane Park

A complaint was received by the Public Works Department regarding parking issues along Jonquil Street due to summer related activities; such as pickleball at Kirk Lane Park. The largest concern was that the street is very narrow and it's becoming difficult to navigate safely. Tony Dati explained parking issues along Jonquil have been an issue for emergency vehicles. This has been documented by the fire department as a safety concern. Trustee Matyas asked what the schedule is for pickleball. Tony didn't look into that. They talked about the possibility of the park building a small parking lot to

accommodate the increase in usage. It was the recommendation of the committee to turn this over to the Public Safety Committee for further review.

Item 4 – Nordica No Parking Sign Request

It was the wrong street therefore it couldn't be discussed.

**Public Comments-** None

**VI. Adjournment**

Tony Dati made a motion to adjourn at 11:09 a.m. Tom Powers seconded. All in Favor. Meeting adjourned.