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AGENDA **NILES VIRTUAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE** **REMOTE PARTICIPATION** **Wednesday, May 26, 2021** **1:00 PM**

REGULAR MEETING

ELECTRONIC MEETING

The Public Works Committee Meeting will be called to order electronically via Zoom audio/visual conferencing by Committee Chair Danette Matyas at the scheduled date and time on this agenda, in accordance with Governor Pritzker's most recent disaster declaration related to public health concerns due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 pandemic. This electronic meeting is open to the public.

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- Topic or Agenda Item Number
- Comments

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call - Balzano, Braun, Dati, Matyas - Present
- III. Approval of Meeting Summary
 - November 12, 2020 – Balzano, Braun, Dati, Matyas - Yes
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business

- Item 1 - Lead & copper rule changes

The EPA passed their Lead and Copper Rules revisions in December with the goal to eliminate all lead services in the nation and the Village has until 2024 to come into compliance with the rules. The EPA significantly changed water sampling to get a more accurate measurement of lead. Village Engineer Tom Powers expects that there will be an increase in communities that go over the trigger level of 15 ppb and require a mandatory water service replacement program which always existed but not many communities hit the trigger level. EPA also created a new Action Level - 10 ppb which will require us to start looking at how we are chemically treating the water among other things. If Niles goes over the trigger limit, we will be forced to replace 3% of our lead services per year. New policy considerations were brought up and need to be discussed.

- Item 2 - Traffic calming requests for Bruce Drive at Chester Avenue – Stop Sign request

Village Engineer Bob Rado said we don't normally use stop signs for traffic calming but may want to consider making an exception because this one is close to a park and right now it's a "T" intersection with a stop sign on Chester. Public Works Director Fred Braun said studies show that too many stop signs actually have the opposite effect as people speed up between stop signs. A neighborhood study is in the budget for this year, and the village may consider doing this neighborhood first. Results of the study may show that stop signs may need to be removed in certain locations.

- Item 3 - Traffic calming request for parking restrictions on Nora Avenue & Neva Avenue north of Howard Street

Residents are complaining about cut-through Village Engineer Bob Rado said this area would be a candidate for the neighborhood study. This should be completed before the village changes anything. The parking restriction issue is being address at the next joint meeting with the Public Safety Commission.

- Item 4 - Proposal of \$500 annual fee for non-water customers that received sanitary sewer service from the village

Village Engineer Tom Powers said the ordinance states if a property does not have a water meter but gets sewer service from the village, they should install a meter on the sewer service then be billed.

However, if it is a small commercial user, it will turn out to be almost nothing and not worth the administrative hassle. A flat fee would make most sense for commercial properties that can only get sewer from us. A Northwest Municipal Conference Survey was done and found that a flat fee is fairly common. \$500 seems like a fair rate if we have flush their line once every 10 years as it's approximately \$5,000 to mobilize the crew.

Fred Braun moved to recommend to the Board of Trustees the proposal of a \$500 annual fee for non-water customers that receive a sanitary sewer service from the village. The committee unanimously approved recommending this to the Board of Trustees.

- Item 5 - Street Opening Permanent Fee Analysis

The village has a refundable street opening escrow when someone cuts the street for sewer/water service repairs which is refunded after final inspection. However, a patch reduces the life expectancy of that street and we are proposing an additional Roadway Impact Fee that would be directed to our road and bridge fund. Tom mentioned that

other surrounding communities do have a charge for this. We did a NWMC Survey and a decent amount of communities charge this and are all over the board. They charge anywhere from \$75.00 to \$2300. Park Ridge and Mt prospect charge \$100 and Skokie \$300. Tony Dati mentioned \$500 and Dan Balzano said that \$1000 wouldn't be out of line. Tony felt that many contractors cut into the street and then leave town. Everyone was on the same page with making sure our costs are covered. Later on the street begins to sink and the village has to repair it at our own cost. Tom said once you start cutting into the street it really starts deteriorating. Tom said there would still be the regular street deposit. Rich suggested to have maybe a flat fee. Rich agreed with Tony that \$200 is not enough. There are long term consequences. It was discussed if the fee should be a flat fee, a percent of the road deposit, or tiered fees depending on the age of the street. Trustee Matyas agreed with staff that the cost of \$200 is way too low. Tom recommended to still charging the refundable escrow. Fred asked to table this until maybe a tiered system is discussed. This item was tabled until the village can come up with a tiered fee schedule.

- Item 6 – Alley between Oketo & Osceola - 8200 block

Village Clerk Marlene Victorine received petitions from the residents on those blocks for alley repaving. This alley is budgeted for reconstruction this fiscal year. Fred Braun will contact the resident who started the petition.

VI. Public Comments – No public comment

VIII. Adjournment – Matyas made a motion to adjourn. Dati seconded, All in favor
Balzano, Braun, Matyas, Dati – Yes 2:12 pm