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**Public Works Committee & Milwaukee Avenue Corridor Committee Joint
Meeting
Meeting Summary**

**Village of Niles Public Works Building
6849 Touhy Avenue
July 24, 2023 at 10:00 am**

I. Call to Order 10:02 a.m.

II. Roll Call

Trustee Danette Matyas, Chair - Yes
Tom Powers, Director of Public Works – Yes
Tony Dati, Streets Superintendent – Yes
Kevin M Gomulka, Management Analyst – Yes
John Melaniphy, Economic Development Director – Yes
Tim O'Brien, Village Engineer – Yes
Dan Balzano, Resident – No
Nathan Bruemmer, Planner 1 – Yes
Also in attendance was Village Forrester, Todd Jackson.

III. Approval of April 21, 2023 Meeting Summary

Trustee Matyas made a motion to approve the April 21, 2023 Public Works Committee meeting summary. Tom Powers seconded, all in favor. Motion Passed.

IV. Old Business – None

V. New Business

Item 1- Decorations Light Pole Banding

Public Works Director reminded committee members that there were issues with hanging holiday decorations from streetlights and that we need to think about future pole banding, especially with new streetlighting along Touhy Avenue and Golf Road, which will feature Sternberg style poles. Additionally, staff recommended that the committee revisit the standard design that was previously approved by the committee due to the predesigned brackets not being practical. Staff commented that an alternative to the predesigned mounting brackets is banding, which could be powder coated to make them more visually pleasing. Staff referenced the saddle style clamps that are currently utilized by Rosemont. Staff stated that Rosemont's style of banding costs more money than standard banding, but is more robust and less likely to damage the pole in the event banding is broken or damaged and could be used to hang flags and banners. Street Superintendent, stated that standard banding would be the most cost-effective option and provided some brief history of the Village utilizing banding clamps in the past. Staff mentioned that if the banding does fail, it's easy to replace. The Public Works Director, noted that banner arms that are prefixed and cast into the pole can sometimes create slack in the banner due to the inability to adjust the banner arm location and that a saddle clamp style would offer more flexibility since you could pull banners taught to eliminate the slack. The Public Works Director made a motion to revise the standard pole design to allow for banding for holiday decorations. Tony Dati seconded the motion. All in favor – Motion Passed.

Item 2 – New Pole Decorations

Staff provided an update regarding the Holiday decorations. The negotiations have concluded with Sternberg and Hecker. They will be purchasing and providing the Village with four (4) different streetlight pole decoration options; 177 in total (55) frost decorations, 10 popping presents, 60 Christmas Trees, and 52 niche glaze. There was absolutely zero cost to the Village for the procurement of these decorations as Sternberg and Heckler covered the costs. The Public Works Director mentioned that the decorations have been ordered and are currently awaiting production in Romania. In the event the Village does not receive the decorations, candy canes will be hung on poles utilizing pole banding. Staff stated that new decorations need to be received by November in order to have enough time to hang them throughout the Village and that if banding used to secure the decorations, banding needs to be ordered by October 1.

Item 3 –New England No Parking

Staff stated that this is a repeat item and that last time PWC met they reviewed a concern from a resident regarding the parking on New England north of Oakton. Staff noted that the original complaint stated that a car was parked on the street and that a school bus had to back up due to the street being so narrow, which prevented the school bus from driving down the street. Because of this, the resident had requested no parking signs on one side of the street on New England north of Oakton. The Public Works Director stated the school district has not reported any issues regarding school busses being able to make it down the street. The Village Engineer noted that there are plans to add two (2) feet of gutter flag to the street as part of a construction project occurring on New England in the summer. The Street Superintendent suggested to table the topic until the construction is complete in the fall to see if the completed project resolves the reported issues. Staff made a motion to table the discussion until construction is complete in the fall. Tom Powers seconded the motion. All in favor – Motion Passed.

VI. Public Comment – None

VII. Adjournment

Trustee Matyas made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting. Tony Dati seconded – All in favor – meeting adjourned at 11:04 am.