

Infrastructure Commission Meeting
Thursday, September 25, 2025, 6:00 p.m.
Village Hall Board Room
740 Hillgrove Avenue
Western Springs IL 60558

Call to Order: 6:07 p.m.

Commission Chair-Shawn Murphy Presiding

Commission Members Present:

Shawn Murphy – Chairman
Tom Mitoraj – Commission Member
Eric Haas – Commission Member
Dan Ciecko-Commission Member
Tom Kelleher, Commission Member

Commission Members Absent:

Michael Prim
Dan Lewis

Present:

Scott Lewis, Village Trustee
Heidi Rudolph, Village President

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager
Matthew Supert, Director of Municipal Services
Jeff Koza, Village Engineer
Ron Derengowski- Water Plant Superintendent

Allison Walz, Baxter & Woodman
Jim Landini, Baxter & Woodman

Roll Call

As noted above.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Murphy motioned to approve the minutes from 7/29/2025, seconded by Commissioner Tom Kelleher and seconded by Tom Mitoraj. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Public Comment: None

New Business:

Presentation of Water and Sewer Rate Study by Baxter & Woodman

Director Matthew Supert introduced two Baxter & Woodman representatives in attendance, and they will report their preliminary findings and recommendations regarding the Water/Sewer Usage Rate. No action taken at this time and discussion continued.

Water Treatment Plant Assessment by Carollo Engineering

Ron Derengowski, Water Plant Superintendent presented to the Commissioners the report that was completed of the facility and equipment assessment of the Village's Water Treatment Plant by Carollo Engineers. The information gathered identified capital improvement projects for the treatment plant in several capital timeline targets along with cost estimates for budgeting purposes. Discussion continued. No action currently.

Water System Update

Superintendent Ron Derengowski reported the administrative report on the water system in July-September 2025. No action at this time. Ron reported there is a need for replacement for the membranes on Reverse Osmosis Well 4 Skid. It is highly recommended that the membranes of the unit be replaced to optimize the treatment process. Maintenance and replacement of the cartridges will be over \$25,000.00. The requests for proposals will be in September and the Public Works and Water Committee in October. No action at this time.

Go-Painters were in town and completed painting of 200 fire hydrants. Private hydrants are red and hydrants off transmission are painted blue.

Springdale Park Detention Basin and Watermain Project has installed approximately 1440 feet of 8" water main. The new main is off 52nd Street from Caroline Avenue to Howard Avenue.

Eaton 1600 Amp Breaker was installed in the new main by Eaton at the Water Treatment Plant. It was a successful installation and minimal downtime in operations.

Phase 2 IEPA Loan Application, the Village will be submitting for this loan for the Phase 2 Lead Service line replacements. HR Green feels confident that Western Springs should be in good position to receive funds.

Millenium Contracting has completed 16 out of 42 lead service lines, and costs of the overall project may be reduced.

It is anticipated that the 53rd Street Water Main replacement project will begin the week of October 6th. Temporary easement arrangements are currently being generated and distributed to the four residences and 2 HOA's impacted. Discussion continued.

Schedule for the Next Meeting

The Infrastructure Commission next meeting tentative 10/14/2025 5:45pm

Adjourn Chair, Shawn Murphy, Chairman motioned to adjourn meeting, seconded by Commission member Eric Haas. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted: Jenny Pesek