

Public Works and Water Committee Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, October 7, 2025
Village Hall 740 Hillgrove Ave
Western Springs IL 60558

Call to Order

5:45 PM Scott Lewis, Chairman-Trustee Presiding

Committee Members' Present:

Karen Martin, Trustee

Committee Members Absent:

None

Staff Present:

Ellen Baer, Village Manager

Matthew Supert, Director of Municipal Services

Chris Breakey, Public Works Superintendent

Ron Derengowski, Water Plant Superintendent

Diana Puga, Municipal Services Coordinator

Roll Call

As noted above.

Approval of Minutes:

Chair Scott Lewis motioned to approve August 27, 2025, Public Works and Water Committee meeting minutes seconded by Trustee, Karen Martin. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Public Comment- None

New Business:

1. **53rd Street & Flagg Creek Watermain Project Temporary Easement Agreements:** Director Supert reported to the Committee and recommends approving a temporary construction easement for 5301 Commonwealth Avenue and 5300 Fair Elms Ave for the purpose of installing a new watermain along 53rd Street. Recommended motion to the Village Board for the approval by Chair Scott Lewis and seconded by Trustee Karen Martin.
2. **Municipal Services Department 2026 Preliminary Budget Introduction** Director Supert reported operational and capital planning budgets for Municipal Services Department are being finalized by staff, preliminary information was provided for the Committee. Discussion continued.
3. **Succession Agreement with Water Services** Director Supert reported to the Committee to approve a contract with Water Services for the installation of MIU water meters parts and labor. A new vendor contract for the remaining water meters is required for 2026. \$13,311.00 remains in the budget for 2025 for meter replacement. Chair Scott moved to recommend to the Village

Board approval of the succession contract with Water Services Inc. and approve the Q3 unit pricing. seconded by Trustee Martin.

4. **2026 State of Illinois Salt Purchase** Consideration to purchase salt from the State of Illinois with Morton Salt for an amount not to exceed contract value of \$100,000. The Village along with approximated 494 other communities and other governmental organizations in Illinois participate in the purchasing program. Chair Lewis recommends to the Village Board to waive the bidding process and approve and authorize the execution of the State of Illinois Contract FY 2025-2026 Salt purchase with Morton Salt not to exceed \$100,000. Second, by Trustee Martin.
5. **Proclamation Regarding First Responders** Consider declaring ***October 28, 2025***, as First Responders Day. All individuals serving in emergency roles, including PW, law enforcement, Fire services, emergency medical services, and other related safety professions. Chair Lewis motioned to recommend approving a proclamation declaring October 28, 2025, as **"First Responders Day"**. Second, by Trustee Martin.

Other Business

October 2025 Water System Update:

Water Plant Superintendent, Ron Derengowski reported various updates for the month of September. Phase 1 Lead Replacement Project, RO skid 4 membrane cartridge replacement, Water Plant and Well 5 tours of the local Girl Scout Troop. Water Well Solutions completed the preventative maintenance assessment on Wells 3,4 and 5.

Schedule for the Next Committee Meeting:

The Public Works and Water Committee meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 4, 2025, 5:45 p.m.

Adjourn

Chair Lewis motioned to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Trustee Martin. Motion passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM Respectfully Submitted: Jenny Pesek