

Infrastructure Committee
Meeting Minutes
September 28, 2022

Members present: President Wetherbee, Harper, Cook, Arbury
Staff present: Holton, Edmondson, Scott
Public: Jane Gale, Anne Harper, Greg Noble, Carl Wizinsky

The meeting was called to order at 1:30pm

The agenda was approved as presented.

Public comments- Greg Noble thanked the committee for putting the Fourth Street culvert issue on the agenda. Greg had sent to the committee an e-mail he had received from Robyn Schmidt, from EGLE, stating they can't do anything about the issue until the council does. This issue is on our agenda to discuss. Jane Gale, representing Dark Sky's, talked about the streetlight issues. They have sent out a flyer called Consumers Energy Smart Street lighting Pilot, which should answer most questions about what is happening with our lighting issues in the Village. The residents may provide feedback on the light issues to the office or mailed to PO Box 336.

We talked about the Rose Street Culvert and are waiting for cost and estimates for this project. We are looking for grants to complete the project.

We received an update on the Flees Road project and the project is completed. The only thing left is Chris would like to clean out the ditch on the North side of the road.

We reviewed Ordinance #57 (Regulation of Construction of Sidewalks). This hasn't been updated since 1957. The Infrastructure and Planning commissions will get together and review the ordinance.

We talked more about the street lights. Consumers Power was in the process of putting dimmer switches on some of the street lights the day of our meeting.

Trustee Harper had talked to one of the technicians and was told that Consumers is out of the reflectors that they have been installing on the street lights. They have installed 20 so far and will do more if and when the Village asks for them to do so. The Village needs to follow up on this. The tech also told Trustee Harper that some communities are going to blue lights.

After a long discussion on the Fourth Street Drainage issue, we, the infrastructure committee, are recommending to the Council to go with the Prein & Newhof proposal. This will have to go back to the Finance Committee to figure out how to fund the \$22,600 quote. We will also check to see if Prein & Newhof will do the project in stages.

We received a report from the DPW.

We received a report from the Planning Commission

Second Public Comments: We heard from Anne Harper asking if it was true that the Village was spending \$4,000.00 on a study for the Mill Pond Dam and then wondering why we can't fund the Fourth Street Drainage issue. She was also upset that Village residents can't vote on the Leelanau Township proposal that is on the November ballot. She wonders if it is time to combine the Village and Township Planning Commissions to deal with zoning issues. Trustee Harper explained that the residents have to take up the cause of combining governments and not the Village or the Township.

A motion to adjourn was made by President Wetherbee, seconded by Trustee Harper. All ayes, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18pm.