VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT

July 2024 Infrastructure Report

for Village Council August 8th, 2024 Meeting

Information Update:

1. **Old Hospital Demolition:** Demolition of the old hospital buildings and other out buildings on their property has been continuing by the owners and their private contractors. Contractors have been good communicators with the DPW and the project has been proceeding smoothly from the village's perspective. The one aspect that may need to be considered in the future is potentially changing the end of High Street, as they are experiencing a number of people driving into the site, as a drive through, despite it being private property with signs posted.

DPW Work in Progress:

1. **Fire Hydrant Replacements:** Committee discussed the scheduling of fire hydrant replacements, included in the budget year. DPW has identified the hydrants they would prioritize for replacement, and discussed possibly extending lines and adding two additional hydrants in locations currently without coverage. Staff will be working to get prices and further information on these hydrant locations for our next meeting.

1. **Sidewalk Maintenance:** Committee discussed the sidewalk maintenance and how DPW prioritizes and schedules those improvements. Discussions focused particularly on sidewalks that have at least a 1" lift due to tree growth. A top priority is the sidewalk area between Faro and Tom's. DPW shared that there could potentially be a water leak underground, fueling that trees growth beyond the other trees on the street that were all planted at the same time. With this in mind, Chris H felt that beyond just grinding the concrete, that excavation and examination may be warranted there. Staff was going to work on further information regarding the timing and progress of getting some of this maintenance scheduled.

2. **Wind Turbine Site:** Trash cleanup on the south end of the site still needs cleaned up.

3. **GIS Mapping:** The village manager had information about a new software program that may be something the village should consider working with. It could potentially integrate both our water, sewer, current GIS mapping, STRs, assets, and more. It appears to be very economical with a yearly fee of a little over $1000 and unlimited users allowed. However, further research is being completed by staff to determine if information can be uploaded, or if all would have to be entered manually, as well as contacting other communities using the program, to get their impressions of the program.

4. **Fourth Street Drainage:** The contractor, Kal Excavating, was approved by Village Council to complete the work. Staff is working to confirm start dates and other necessary details.

5. **Rose Street Culvert:** The existing culvert is showing further deterioration, and this project needs to be brought back to attention. DPW is working to update the contractor bids for this project and has asked Prein & Newhof to look into any grants that may be available. Current bids from February have the project costs between $200-250k. Need to either find funding through the budget, or grants, but the project is waiting for funding to move forward and needs to happen as soon as possible.

Committee Work in Progress:

6. **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Scoring and Compilation:** The committee continued discussions on CIP projects, what council members would want to see included about infrastructure projects, and how best to proceed with this process, and the prioritizing and selection of projects. Our goal will be to have a fully developed CIP with more detailed reports for each project by the 2025-26 fiscal year.

7. **Old Mill Pond:** The village manager and DPW superintendent met with EGLE representative Robyn Schmidt

and discussed a number of issues regarding the village, including Mill Pond. Staff will be working to complete necessary paperwork for a draw-down permit. The committee is working to develop a plan for further discussions on mill pond and the reports generated by GEI.

8. **Water Rate Study:** We are eagerly awaiting the return of the water rate study.

Council Discussion or Action Needed: