# VILLAGE OF NORTHPORT
## November 2023 Infrastructure Report
*for Village Council December 7, 2023 Meeting*

### Information Update:

1. **Visitors Center Railing Work:** DPW Superintendent Chris Holton is going to work on pricing and timing to replace the railing at the Visitors Center. The work was included in the current budget ($3,500.00).
2. **Fire Hydrants:** The current budget includes the replacement of 2 hydrants ($14,000.00). DPW staff is working on determining which 2 of the 20 hydrants (that are on a list for replacement) should be scheduled. Timing to conclude work prior to budget year ending may be challenging, but the committee is working to ensure that we at least get the parts ordered and on hand.

### DPW Work in Progress:

3. **Site Radio Updates/Wells:** A short term solution is currently in place, but future improvements have been bid and discussed at Infrastructure and will be included in our capital improvement plan. The committee and DPW both, would like to see these improvements included in the upcoming 4-month budget if possible.
4. **GIS Mapping:** Chris Holton is going to work with new Village Manager Jim Dyer on getting the council more information on options for completing this work.
5. **New Snow Plow Truck:** The new truck is now at the outfitters. We do not expect the truck to be ready until late Spring 2024 at the earliest.
6. **Haserot Beach Erosion Management:** The soil and erosion permit was approved. The US Army Corps permit has been resubmitted by DPW Superintendent. US Army Corps has requested some additional information, Chris Holton is coordinating a drone flyover to gather the images and information requested.
7. **Main & Waukazoo Water Retention Plan:** Staff is verifying the completion of the agreement between all parties (Watershed Center, homeowners, the Village) The work is anticipated to be completed in the spring of 2024.
8. **Street Lights:** There are a number of locations that DPW is working to get shields onto street lights, to lower the light trespass onto neighboring properties. There are also two street lights that have been agreed upon for decomission, but have not yet been. Village Manager Jim Dyer was going to follow up on this and coordinate having them turned off.

### Committee Work in Progress:

9. **Electric Car Chargers in the Waukazoo St Public Parking Lot:** The committee is investigating options for the village to cover the increasing expenses of the electrical bill for the car chargers in the Waukazoo Street public parking lot. While the improved usage is to be encouraged and applauded, the cost of the electricity is now reaching levels that may require additional revenue sources to fund. Committee is waitinf for staff to provide data on the prior year's worth of the billing, for the committee to establish steps to utilize private funding/sponsorship to cover the cost.
10. **Fourth Street Drainage:** Eric Seguin from Prein&Newhof has filed for a permit for the revised and much reduced plan for 4th Street. Staff informed the committee that EGLE has transferred the permit to the transportation department of EGLE. We are still awaiting a decision or information from them on the permit.
11. **Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Scoring and Compilation:** The committee started working to cre-

ate a CIP list from the Asset Details, Hydrant, and Water line evaluations. This was an initial discussion to work to identify what aspects on the reports should be included in the CIP. A preliminary CIP discussion document (CIPpreliminary_111723.pdf) was available for the meeting and highlights the projects with the highest urgency/need for improvements soon, due to their condition.

12. **Old Mill Pond:** We are awaiting EGLE response to the violations issued earlier in the year. A letter from the village was sent to EGLE outlining the DPW plan and requests. Discussion of the report from GEI and future plans for the pond and dam will happen at a future meeting, once we have further information from EGLE.

13. **Sidewalk Ordinance:** The committee is revising the sidewalk ordinance to accurately reflect what the village and DPW are actually doing in practice. Our recent discussion with Village Manager Jim Dyer led us to consider perhaps repealing and not replacing. Further review and discussion is planned for our next regular committee meeting.

14. **Rose Street Culvert:** Committee still needs assistance with funding. Needs to either find funding through the budget, or grants (*we have identified some that may be applicable*), but the project is waiting for funding to move forward. Infrastructure is working with Finance and Manager Jim Dyer to start looking into applying to possible grants.

**Council Discussion or Action Needed:**

15. **Water Rates:** Village staff has been in discussions with professionals about a water rate study for the village, to consider prior to adopting any new rates. This discussion is scheduled for the December 2023 VC meeting.