

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS ADVISORY MEETING
May 13, 2025

MEMBERS Attending: Chairman - Todd Swanson, Troy Winkleman, Steve Rudnicki, and Jim Simpson

OTHERS: Erin Schuster

MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes to the 11 March meeting was made by Troy Winkleman and seconded by Steve Rudnicki. The motion was passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Erin provided an update of on-going, and past projects, as well as the activities of the Village DPW departments. Regarding the future work at the WPCF, Erin noted there was no change. They are still waiting to hear on the EDA grant application.

Erin updated information on Electric Dept. projects. He indicated The bid opening for the new transformers was scheduled for May 29th. Regarding the NYSERDA grant for PSE to study a second primary feed for the Village, Erin advised that Andrew was expecting a notice of the grant award in the next two weeks. There was no new info on the NYSERDA grant for SCADA funding. Regarding the PO for the circuit switches, Erin noted the shop drawings have been approved and delivery would be in about 52 weeks.

Erin indicated that a Zoom mtg. with Ferguson was scheduled for the 15th to discuss the first task under the new Electrical Engineering Support contract. The work is for maintenance at the English St. substation.

Relative to future water projects on the Water System Master Plan and support by MRB, Erin indicated MRB would still be involved with projects at the treatment plant and the lead survey for now. Erin identified Square Engineering as an alternate firm they wanted to use to further pursue the EFC grant application. They have submitted a proposal to resubmit the last application with some revisions that should get a high score. This would still use the MRB water study as the scope of work.

Following some discussion, a motion was made to recommend pursuing resubmission for the grant with Square Engineering by Todd Swanson. It was seconded by Steve Rudnicki and unanimously passed.

Erin advised that they expect Kingview to get the remaining restoration work completed, for the manhole at Growers, in the next two weeks.

The Board had a discussion regarding notes from Andrew on the CGR report. Further discussion will be on the next meeting agenda, with Andrew present.

Regarding the Drinking Water Source Protection Plan, Erin advised that Sarah Swinko, Southern Tier West, has advised him that she had recently submitted the completed report to NYDEC. Erin will be waiting for her feedback.

No change regarding the Welch building special use permit, the Village has informed the developer, by letter, the cost of addressing the increased electric load. The developer continues to look into potential grant funding, possibly to include expenses of the Village for the necessary electrical changes.

Erin did not have any information regarding the pool rehab project.

Regarding the DEED program Erin indicated that the Smart Cable sensors have been installed at Mogan David, Growers and on circuit #205 to monitor the power usage, including voltage, current, etc.

Regarding lighting in Moore Park, Erin advised that Wendle Engineering was hired to design the lighting layout plan

Erin indicated that the emergency water line repair on N. Portage was completed by ST. George Enterprises. The line has been pressure tested and passed, put back in service.

REVIEW OF DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Public Works – Work on N. Portage and cleanup in the Parks.

Electric Dept. – Work on Grove St. and to start on reconductoring lines Rte 20 east and/or west.

Water Dept. – Operations, finished waterline flushing.

Sewer Dept. – Operations

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN DISCUSSION:

- Erin noted that they had purchased the new water meter radio reader.
- Erin advised that there was a bid opening for Phase 3 of repointing at the water treatment plant. R.E. Kelly was low bidder.
- A resignation letter from John Poshka was received.

Steve Rudnicki made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Troy Winkleman and unanimously passed.

The next Advisory Board meeting was scheduled for 10 June 2025, at 6:30.