

May 9, 2017 (Public Works Committee Meeting)

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2017
2:30 P.M., DENMARK VILLAGE HALL**

CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson Milton Bielinski at 2:49 p.m.

Present: Milton Bielinski, Susan Selner, Alan Schilke
Staff Present: Sherri Konkol, Kim Coogle, Erika Sisel

DISCUSS SIDEWALK ORDINANCE AND POLICY

Sisel presented the committee with proposed changes to the sidewalk ordinance. She first explained that the current ordinance requires property owners, at their expense, to install new sidewalks when deemed necessary by the Village Board. Also, under the current ordinance property owners are required to repair and reconstruct existing sidewalks that abut their property.

Sisel contacted other Brown County municipalities and found that some have changed their ordinances and policies to no longer require the property owner to be responsible for new installations on existing streets, or for repairs and reconstruction of existing sidewalks.

The proposed changes that were presented were that the Village will pay the cost of new installations on existing streets where the Village Board determines sidewalks are necessary, and the Village will also be responsible to construct, remove and repair existing sidewalks. There would be no change to the property owner's responsibility to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks. There would also be no change to a developer's responsibility to install sidewalks at their cost in new development. It was discussed that Village staff would inspect a portion of the existing sidewalks annually and determine where repairs would be needed. In order to do this there would have to be an annual dollar amount set in the budget for sidewalk repairs.

Recommendation to the Village Board is to accept the proposed changes to the sidewalk ordinance and have Village Staff update all ordinances referring to sidewalks.

DISCUSS WOODROW STREET SIDEWALK PROJECT AND MAKE RECOMMENDATION TO BRING TO VILLAGE BOARD

Discussion was had regarding the pedestrian safety issues on Woodrow Street and the need for sidewalk installation.

Recommendation to the Village Board

In the best interest of the general public's safety, the Denmark Public Works Committee recommends that the Woodrow Street sidewalk project proceed at the cost of the Village and not be assessed to the property owners.

ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 3:56 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Sherri Konkol, Village Clerk