



January 17, 2020

PRESIDENT

Alice Gallagher

Re: Central Avenue Roadway and Sewer Improvements
Project Update

TRUSTEES

Heidi Rudolph

William Siffermann

James Tyrrell

Nicole Chen

Alan Fink

James John

Dear Central Avenue and Elm Street Residents,

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an update to the Central Avenue Roadway and Sewer Improvements project subsequent to the public meeting that was held on December 5, 2019. The Village accepted public comments in writing until December 16, 2020.

CLERK

James Horvath

During that meeting and after reviewing the comments submitted to the Village, it was made clear that the primary concern was the required widening to meet federal highway standards to allow parking on both sides of the street. Comments submitted to the Village indicated that residents would have no objection to the elimination of parking on one side of the street if it would allow for the street width to remain.

MANAGER

Ingrid Velkme

The Village met with the Western Springs Park Board on December 10, 2019 and again on January 14, 2020 to discuss if the elimination of parking on one side of the street would negatively impact park operations. The Park Board did not express a concern to the elimination of parking on one side of the street.

DIRECTORS

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After reviewing the federal highway requirements and a preliminary discussion with the Public Works & Water Committee on January 8, 2020 the Village will move forward on Phase I design with the intent to eliminate the parking on the east side of Central Avenue and allowing parking to remain on the west side. To meet federal standards the street will still have to be widened by approximately 6-8", this is reduced from the initial 5-6' that was initially expected with parking on both sides of the street.

A project page has been setup on the Village website at wsprings.com/central-avenue. Updates to the project will be posted on that website moving forward and residents are encouraged to sign up to receive email notifications at the above address.

Village Staff and the Village Engineer will present a brief (10-15 minute) update to the project at the beginning of the Village Board Board Meeting at 7:00 PM on January 27, 2020 at Village Hall. That meeting video will be available online approximately 48 hours after the meeting.

If you have any additional questions at this time, please don't hesitate to contact either myself or Assistant Director Biernacki at the contact information below.

Very truly yours,



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