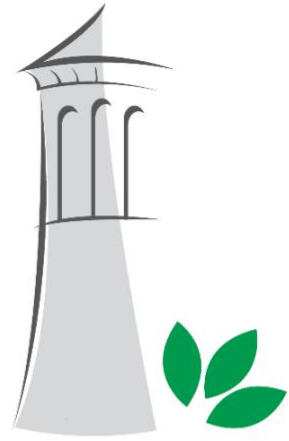


Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



January 12, 2023

January 9, Board Meeting (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

During the first meeting of 2023 reports were given by the following committees:

Properties and Recreation: Trustee Chen introduced a right-of-way sale proposal that has been reviewed by the Committee. Director Supert provided additional details to the Board, and a discussion and recommendation followed. An overview on Village policy regarding the sale of public rights-of-way can be found [here](#).

Public Works and Water: Trustee Fink reported on a number of items recently discussed by the Committee, including ongoing efforts to inventory the Village's lead service lines; a proposed sewer televising training for public works staff to better assist in monitoring the condition of the Village's sewer line network; upcoming sewer televising in Springdale and Ridgewood; the continuing 2023 Flagg Creek stormwater outfalls rehabilitation project; and the proposed renewal of the annual sidewalk shaving contract. The Spring Rock Park watermain replacement project is well underway, and Director Supert reported that a recent watermain break near the base of the water tower expanded the scope of the project to include replacement of the aged valves and pipes at the tower.

Public Health and Safety: Trustee Lewis relayed the Committee's discussion regarding installation of traffic control devices at Hillgrove and Prospect Avenues. Several residents raised concerns about pedestrian safety at the intersection, and after an external study and further review, the Committee recommends that the Village install stop signs on Hillgrove, to make the intersection an all-way stop.

Finance: Trustee Rudolph presented a list of vendors whose annual charges, in aggregate, may exceed \$25,000 in 2023, as included in the current budget, and recommended that the list be approved at the next meeting. The Committee also proposes that a Village-owned vehicle be declared surplus due to engine issues rendering it unusable.

Trustee Rudolph reminded residents that the 2023 budget and the 2022 property tax levy was approved in December. Staff has already begun planning for the 2024 budget and the Board's various committees will begin to discuss and review 2024 budget items this summer. Topics, including budget and expenses, are discussed through the committee process, often in greater detail than at the Board level. Residents are welcome to attend and participate in any and all public meetings - committees, commissions, and the full Board of Trustee meetings. Residents are encouraged to sign up for notifications of public meeting dates and times by registering through the "Stay Informed" icon on the Village website.

General Government: Trustee Tyrrell reported on the conveyance of a portion of Spring Street right-of-way to the Illinois Toll Highway Authority per an Intergovernmental Agreement. A Public Hearing for this item will be added to the agenda for the February 13 meeting. The Committee is also proposing a resolution in support of Tax Increment Financing (TIF) to promote economic development and revitalization in underperforming areas within the Village, and across the State, among other things. The Illinois Municipal League model resolution will be presented at the upcoming Board meeting for adoption.

Please note that the March 27 Board of Trustee meeting has been rescheduled to March 20. Upcoming Village Board meetings will be held on January 23, February 13 and 27, and March 13 and March 20.

Cook County Delays First Property Tax Installment Until April 3:

- The Treasurer's Office has delayed the first property tax installment by one month, until April 3. Tax bills are available online and are expected to will be mailed out in late February/early March. Learn more on the [Village website](#).

Holiday Light Recycling:

- [Holiday light recycling](#) continues in the Village Hall lobby, at Thomas Ford Library, and at Village True Value Hardware. Bring your unwanted strings of lights and leave them in the collection boxes at these locations through January 31.

LRS Tree Collection:

- LRS will collect live trees from the curb at no charge for the first two weeks in January. Please ensure that trees are free of all lights, decorations and that they are not placed in bags.

Until next time,



Alice Gallagher,
Village President