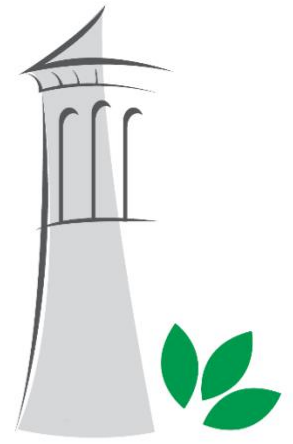


Western Springs FROM THE PRESIDENT



January 26, 2023

January 23, Board Meeting (the full agenda and meeting video is posted [online](#)):

At their regular meeting this past Monday evening, the Board passed an omnibus vote pertaining to a number of items, including the approval of: a change order for additional work on the Spring Rock Park watermain replacement project; the placement of stop signs at Hillgrove and Prospect Avenues to create a 3-way stop; a Class Q to the Village's Liquor Code to allow wine tastings and retail wine sales within the Village; a contract for sewer televising training for Public Works staff to better assist in monitoring the condition of the Village's sewer line network; a resolution supporting tax increment financing (TIF); and a sidewalk shaving contract for 2023. All of these items were discussed by the Board on at least one occasion prior to the omnibus vote.

Capital Plan Update: Deputy Manager Biernacki updated the Board on the timeline for the Capital Infrastructure Plan. Engineering firm, Baxter & Woodman, is analyzing all current data and pursuing a risk assessment. Trustees viewed an informational video that will help explain details of the Capital Infrastructure Plan. The video is available on the Village's [website](#). Please take the time to view the video and offer your feedback on Village infrastructure by completing the survey referenced at the end.

Stormwater Utility Fee Update: Deputy Manager Biernacki also gave an update on the proposed Stormwater Utility. The proposed fee schedule was reviewed by the Board in December and shared with residents through the most recent Tower Topics ([pg. 12](#)) and on the [website](#). Information about the proposed Stormwater Utility, including the proposed fee schedule and [an interactive map](#), can be viewed [here](#). An ordinance establishing the Stormwater Utility is projected to come before the Board next month. If approved, the fee most likely will be implemented by mid-2023.

Monthly Financial Report: Trustee Rudolph, Chair of the Finance Committee, shared the December 2022 financial report. The General Fund ended with a deficit on a cash basis, largely due to the County's delayed collection and disbursement of the second installment of 2021 property taxes.

Please note that the March 27 Board of Trustees meeting has been rescheduled to March 20. Upcoming Village Board meetings will be held on February 13 and 27, and March 13 and 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 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 for a few more days. Bring your unwanted strings of lights and leave them in the collection boxes at these locations through January 31.

Styrofoam Recycling:

- Monthly Styrofoam collection will take place at the Recreation Center on Saturday, February 4 from 9 am – 12 noon. Details can be found on the Village [events calendar](#).

Metra Launches Train Tracking Website:

- Metra has announced the rollout of [metratracker.com](#), a new [train-tracking website](#) that allows riders see specific train locations and arrival times. Learn more on the Village's [website](#).

Until next time,