

# Village of Brooklyn

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## PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES May 24, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 6:00. Members present were Mark Bruner and Steve Lust. Also present were PW Director Mark Langer, Utilities Supt. Leif Spilde, Nadine Walsten, Jessica Hawkey, Kyle Smith, and Pat Hawkey.

Mark Langer was formally welcomed as new Public Works Director. Mark also wished to express his appreciation to Leif and Curt for the job they have done both prior to and since Mark's hire.

Jessica and Kyle expressed concern with 2 maple trees that are in the terrace of their home at 100 Bowman St. The tree is hitting the siding and dropping branches in their yard. Estimated cost to remove the trees would be around \$2100. With a total annual budget of \$3500, Mark voiced concern about the removal. When the ash borer plan was being drafted, many village residents were upset about the removal of healthy trees. As there was no indication that either of the trees is infected, the committee decided to have Leif contact Urban Landscaping to assess the condition of the trees.

A tree that had been removed last year at 102 S. First St. caused damage to the sidewalk. Mark will assess the sidewalk and obtain bids for replacement.

A tree had been removed at 103 N. First St. The owner informed Mark L. that Bob Anderson had promised him a new tree as replacement. The new tree would need to be placed on the owner's property, not in the terrace where the original tree had been located. Motion: Lust/Bruner to deny request to supply a tree for planting on private property. Motion carried.

Leif obtained a firm bid for the repair of the biosolids mixer. The price was \$3800, not \$1400 as anticipated. Leif has filed this as an insurance claim.

Leif met with FEMA concerning the Feb. 2 snowstorm. \$5617.12 of this expense is eligible for reimbursement. Federal amount is \$4220.34, with the state and the village each paying \$703.39. Leif will file the necessary application.

Motion: Bruner/Lust to allow PW employees to work a schedule of 6-2:30 from June 1<sup>st</sup> to Labor Day. After hour coverage will remain on rotation. Motion carried.

Leif presented a crated radio read meter as an option for construction water use. No backflow preventer valve would be supplied by the village, which could potentially contaminate the water supply. Mark B. will draft a policy to be presented to the committee in June.

We are out of lawn meters in the clerk's office. As older meters are replaced with new radio read meters, PW will fabricate more lawn meters.

Mark gave his PW Director report.

Motion: Bruner/Lust to adjourn at 7:29. Motion carried.