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To: The Honorable Members of the Fox Point Village Board

From: Scott A. Botcher, Village Manager

Date: October 20, 2023

Re: **Administrative Report for the Week Ending October 20, 2023**

ADMINISTRATION

1. Staff facilitated the Municipal Pool Citizens Committee on October 16.
2. Staff facilitated the Village Board meeting and Budget Workshop on October 17.
3. Manager and Assistant Manager attended North Shore Managers meeting on October 17.
4. Staff facilitated the Board of Review meeting on October 18.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

1. Beach Drive update:
 - a. Michels subcontractor placed the binder course (bottom layer) of asphalt on the north section of Beach Drive this week.
 - b. During the wind and wave action last Friday, the steps on the north end of Beach Drive (down to the lake) failed. While unfortunate, it allowed the project team to evaluate a different way of approaching the construction of the steps. Where cut stone had been placed, it has been replaced with large revetment stone. This appears to be holding up against the waves that have been crashing along the shoreline this week.
 - c. Michels has been spreading topsoil along portions of the northern section of Beach Drive and finished the construction of the revetment on the north end.
 - d. The water main work is finished. Now, construction of the 66-inch pipe needs to be completed, old culvert pipes need to be removed, and old water valve boxes need to be removed.
 - e. The contractor is planning to mill the south section of Beach Drive next week and then begin paving. There has been a request to minimize the amount of traffic on the surface course (top layer of asphalt) when they begin paving. Staff will work with the contractor and residents on how best to approach this dilemma given that there is only one way in and out of Beach Drive.
2. Staff recently became aware of legislation proposed in the Assembly and Senate that would require storm water utilities to be subject to PSC regulations. Staff is investigating this further and will attempt to discuss the rationale behind the proposal from the elected officials who have introduced the legislation.

3. Staff has been working with the DNR, FEMA and Ruckert Mielke related to Fox Point's appeal of the 100-year floodplain delineation. After roughly 4 months of back and forth, we learned the following:
 - a. The DNR will not allow us to use the improvements being made by the DOT over Indian Creek (which significantly reduce the base flood elevation in the Village) until the improvements are completed. This is unfortunate because it is likely the improvements being done by the DOT will be completed before the preliminary floodplain maps are effective (published).
 - b. The green infrastructure projects we implemented in the Village appear to have no benefit given that the DNR is requiring us to model the floodplain using a more current software model even though their model uses an older version. By being required to use the newer version, the base flood elevation actually rises.
 - c. So, staff withdrew our appeal this week which means that the floodplain maps developed by the DNR will likely become the approved, effective maps. However, we intend to submit a Letter of Map Revision once the DOT completes work on I-43 over Indian Creek.
4. Our appraiser, Single Source, is completing the appraisals for the parcels along Lake Drive from which we need temporary or permanent easements.
5. The Longacre tennis courts were not able to be completed this year but, instead, will be completed next spring.
6. DPW staff have been busy with the following:
 - a. Collecting garbage and yard waste – especially given the wind last weekend.
 - b. We welcomed a new member to our staff who comes to us after working in the private sector for about 15 years. We are excited to have the two new members on our staff.
 - c. Responded to a power failure at the lift stations last Friday (likely due to the wind).
 - d. Performed tree removals.
 - e. Completed placement of shoulder material along sections of Village roads.
 - f. Will begin stump grinding next week.
 - g. Assisted with the Fox Point Foundation bonfire to be held on Saturday.
7. Water utility staff:
 - a. Performed locates for the tree stumps to be ground.
 - b. Located valve boxes on Beach Drive prior to paving.
 - c. Replaced a hydrant lead on Crossway.
 - d. Met with a plumbing contractor related to a water quality complaint on Goodrich.
8. In the shop:
 - a. Repaired flat tires on Truck 15.
 - b. Sent in truck 17 for service (speed sensor needed to be replaced).
 - c. Waterproofed the superintendent's office (water was leaking in during the rain event last weekend from outside his office).
 - d. Working to obtain quotes to repair the short in the outdoor lights at Longacre.
 - e. Sent the water utility van in for recall work.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

1. Officers responded to a report of a possible sexual assault after the Glendale school resource officer received information about the incident. The officers met with the SRO and opened an investigation into the allegations.
2. Officers responded to a report of a stolen vehicle after a license plate search showed the vehicle as stolen in Wauwatosa. Officers stopped the vehicle and detained / interviewed the driver. Officers were able to resolve the matter during the field interview and released the driver with citations after towing the car for the registered owner.
3. Officers responded to a report of a theft at Best Buy after a subject entered the store and took a laptop without payment. The same subject was in the store the previous day and engaged in the same activity. Officers took the subject into custody and charged them with retail theft. The subject was transported to the criminal justice facility for outstanding warrants related to extensive retail thefts.
4. Officers responded to a report of criminal damage to property after a resident reported their mailbox was damaged. The officers' initial investigation led them to believe the mailbox was struck by a vehicle.
5. Officers conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle for speeding and subsequently arrested the driver for operating while revoked. The driver was revoked for alcohol related violations and failure to have a required ignition interlock device.
6. Officers responded to a report of criminal damage to property after a realtor reported the residential for sale sign was intentionally damaged.
7. Sergeant Morelli completed training on responding to railroad emergencies and incidents. The training was conducted by CP rail personnel.
8. Officers responded to a road hazard after a tree fell and was partially blocking Lake Drive. The officers were able to cut and remove branches to allow the roadway to open.
9. The municipal court clerk attended required judicial training at the Supreme Court annual conference for judicial employees.

NORTH SHORE FIRE DEPARTMENT

1. Villages of Bayside, Fox Point, Whitefish Bay and Shorewood all approved resolutions for a North Shore Fire/Rescue Single/Multi-Year Capital Budget, a tax levy cap exception, an amendment to the North Shore Fire Services Agreement, and the 2024 Fee Schedule this week.
2. The Department continues to present fire safety presentations to area schools and groups as part of Fire Prevention Month activities.
3. A special North Shore Fire Board of Directors Meeting is being scheduled for the week of October 23 to consider two contracts one which has a vendor price increase scheduled for November 1.
4. Chief Whitaker will participate in a panel discussion at the League of Wisconsin Municipalities Conference in Green Bay on Friday morning about challenges in the fire and emergency medical services industry in Wisconsin.