



## **Engineering, Zoning, and Building Department Report**

### **November 2023**

- **Cultivate Power Solar Farm:** On Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the Planning Commission heard an informational presentation from Cultivate Power regarding a potential 5MW project south of Barber Greene east of Somonauk Road. The following day, the town received a Special Use Permit petition and supporting documents.
- **BRIC Grant:** The Town's Notice of Intent to request Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) funds in the amount of \$40,000 to update the Town's building codes was approved. The Town's request will be included in IEMA's request to FEMA. If awarded, the grant is a 25% match to update from the 2006 Edition to the most current building code edition. This process will need to adhere to the latest state bill setting forth standards for building codes which becomes effective January 2025.
- **Airport Road Box Culvert:** IDOT Bridge Office completed an inspection of the culvert and noted deficiencies which require the road to be posted as "Legal Load Only" which means no overweight permits can be issued. Staff has requested the approximately \$800,000 project be included in the MPO's TIP for FY 2028 with consultant selections likely occurring the FY prior. The structure will be monitored and if required the project may be completed sooner with IDOT authorization.
- **Pedestrian Path:** Stone has started to be placed in the path extension north at Cortland Center Road to Prairiefield Avenue. This will complete the work for this year. Next year, the town will partner with the County to construct the segment from Prairiefield Avenue to Barber Greene. The County plans to construct a path from Loves Road to Peace Road in 2024. Paving of the County's segment and all path the Town had constructed will be paved in 2025. Funding is currently included in the MPO's TIP with the town being responsible for 20% of the town's portion of the project.
- **Pre-annexation Agreement:** The Town is in receipt of a draft annexation agreement for the parcel for land located east of Airport Road, between the UP Railroad and Route 38. The applicant's intention is to develop a Solar Farm.
- **Wastewater Treatment Plant:** Annual dam inspections were completed and provided to IDNR.
- **Somonauk Road:** Construction is complete. Final reviews and approvals are currently underway. Final close-out will take place in the coming months. Current pay estimate is approximately \$416,000 compared to the original contract amount of \$422,000. The request for IDOT to reimburse the Town Engineer's salary for this work was approved.
- **Prairiefield Avenue:** Construction is complete. Final pay estimate paperwork has been sent to IDOT for approval. Project close-out will be completed in the coming months.