



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

### **January 2023**

- **Somonauk Road:** IDOT has approved plans and specifications for the road project. Engineer's Opinion of Probable Cost is \$665,000. The town's share is 20% so roughly \$130,000. The town will be required to enter into a joint agreement with IDOT to specify terms of payment and responsibilities. Staff has prepared a request to IDOT to reimburse the town for staff's costs during completed design engineering and anticipated construction inspection. The reimbursement request is approximately \$40,000. Letting date is March 10, 2023. Construction may start early June and take about 6 weeks. Limits of the work are Illinois Route 38 to North Avenue.
- **Seal Coat – NeuCort:** Staff has provided information for work to be included in the County's seal coat program for this year. All roadways within the NeuCort subdivision will be included. The town advertised for the same work last year but received no bids.
- **Comprehensive Plan:** Staff has provided feedback to NIU regarding the draft version of the plan. Planning Commission has discussed the plan with no formal recommendations to date. The comprehensive plan will be a discussion at the February Planning Commission meeting.
- **50 W. Maple Avenue:** Architectural services have been procured for a feasibility study of a municipal complex at the old school. Interior surveys will be completed. The study completion time is approximately 8 weeks.
- **Splash Pad:** The town is still awaiting the formal grant authorization from DCEO. Upon approval, grant agreement and vendor contracts will be executed. Construction commencement could be April.
- **Pedestrian Path:** The next segment of the path along Loves Road, from Pine Avenue to Prairiefield Avenue, is planned to begin construction in the Spring. Town staff has again requested financial support from the county for the purchase of materials. The request is under review. DSATS has included the paving of the entire path in the FY 2025 program. The project estimate is \$300,000. The County is anticipating their path project along Barber Greene to coincide with the town's path project.
- **Safe Routes to School:** Town Staff reached out to DeKalb School District to discuss possible pursuit of Safe Route to School (SRTS) grant funds to construct a path to Cortland Elementary School. Potential route could be south along Somonauk Road then east along extended Fairview Drive to the school. Several agencies, including the County, could be co-applicants on such a grant.
- **Solar Farm Capacity Study:** A study is underway to evaluate feasibility of a solar farm on one or more town owned parcels on Maple Park Road.
- **Route 38/Somonauk Road intersection:** IDOT has been notified of the non-functioning overhead lights at the intersection. Repair time TBD.
- **Building Permit review.** Several building, fence and accessory structure permits were issued.