

Darwin McClary

From: George Dandalides
Sent: Tuesday, April 15, 2025 7:12 AM
To: Darwin McClary
Cc: Sonja Stout
Subject: Re: Doodle Poll - Availability for Council Work Session Meeting

Darwin,

Would you please add **2025-2026 Village Goal Discussion** to our consent agenda for the April 28th council meeting.

I've included my thought-starters for the discussion and would encourage other members of council provide their input also.

Thank you,

George Dandalides

Dandalides Input - Village 2025-26 Goal Discussion

Strengthen our working relationship with our township and DDA partners.

- Permitting process with the township
- Limited, one day/week availability of our planning coordinator
- Four-day village office schedule
- Cooperation and collaboration between the village and the DDA - One team!

Establish a village office schedule that provides five-day service to residents and partners while taking into account work-life balance for village office employees. Revisit weather policy to detach from school schedule and align to township/county/state/federal schedule.

- We have received feedback from the township, the DDA, and our residents that our four-day workweek is a hindrance.
- We need to employ some “out of the box” thinking to develop a solution that balances our ability to meet the needs of our customers and provide work-life balance for our staff. Consider perhaps flexible work schedules, utilization of the police desk, etc.
- We also need to revisit our inclement weather policy. We are tied to school schedule that reflects cold temperature conditions for students waiting for buses and bus capability to safely navigate icy backroads. We are out of sync with surrounding municipalities, county offices, state offices, and federal offices in our area.
- Moving back to a five-day work week will also eliminate the current situation where a four-day work week turns into a three-day week with holidays.

Identify, prioritize, and implement ordinance revisions to address major concerns of lake residents including keyholing, marina permits, impact of high energy wake, and lake level drawdown.

- Our lake residents have brought their lake safety and overcrowding concerns to both the village council and administration multiple times over the past two years. We have yet to consider their concerns, much less address them.

- It is time we do something to protect our valuable lake resource as we've done with our downtown.

Develop and approve a village budget that comprehends the annual funding of the approved CIP and provides additional funding for future years.

- We have been told that we're running a budget surplus of roughly \$500,000. Where is this surplus and what is our plan for it?
- Last year during budget discussions, council refused to even consider as little as \$1.00 going into a CIP fund. What is our plan to start funding the CIP, particularly in light of a budget surplus?

Address ordinance enforcement

- We need to develop a standardized, consistent process to enforce our ordinances.
- Update ordinances where vague or unenforceable.

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Good morning,

Two weeks ago, Darwin sent us a doodle poll looking for a time to work FY 2025-2026 goal setting. I don't believe that generated anytime that was agreeable. Based on what is currently posted on our village website, this has not been updated since 2023.

I would like to suggest that we meet prior to our upcoming regular meeting (4/14) between 6:00 and 7:30 to work on it. I've attached the 2023-2024 Goals and Objectives that are currently posted on our website for your reference.

It would also be my recommendation for each of us to submit any suggestions to Darwin prior to meeting so he can consolidate our input prior to meeting.

Unless there is a timing conflict that I'm not aware of, I am requesting administration set up a special council meeting for Monday April 14th at 6:00pm as a work session on 2025-2026 goalsetting.

George Dandalides

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Council:

Below is a link to a Doodle poll to select your available dates and times for a FY 2025-26 goal setting work session. Please click on the link and select ALL of your available times to meet.

Thanks so much!

<https://doodle.com/meeting/participate/id/dy7DBW7a>



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