

Meeting Overview: Council Work Session – Engineer Flickinger

Date: October 9, 2025

Time: 6:02 p.m.

Participants: Councilpersons Grant, Martin, Paessun, Cross, Pinter, Camara, Mayor Southard and guest **Engineer Mike Flickinger** (project consultant).

Purpose: Review current and potential public works projects and task orders for the Village, including updates on engineering, infrastructure, and budget matters.

1. Task Order #30 – Maintenance Building

- **Project:** 2,700 sq. ft. maintenance facility with office and storage.
 - **Budget:** \$120,000 total; ~\$95,000 invoiced; ~\$25,000 remaining.
 - **Status:** Delays in obtaining final building permits due to differing code interpretations for bathrooms. Issue now resolved.
 - **Next Steps:** Finalize permits and utility connections with City of Columbus. Construction expected to begin within weeks, lasting about 3 months.
 - **Notes:** Paving postponed to 2026 due to asphalt timing; potential cost trade-off between asphalt vs. gravel access drive.
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2. Task Order #31 – Lake Improvements Design

- **Budget:** \$219,500 authorized; \$100,000 used; ~\$120,000 initially unspent, later reduced to ~\$5,100 remaining.
 - **Status:** Effectively closed. Remaining funds reserved for occasional dredging consultations.
 - **Action:** Completed permitting legwork (environmental and archaeological reviews) to preserve future eligibility for dredging.
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3. Task Order #33 – 2025 Storm Sewer Improvements

- **Purpose:** Address storm sewer deficiencies found in prior CCTV inspections.
 - **Status:** Deferred due to budget constraints and overlap with Minerva Lake Road stormwater work.
 - **Next Steps:** Reassess in 2026; potential \$150K–\$200K project including added CCTV work for efficiency.
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4. Task Order #35 / Future #41 – Waterline & Roadway Work (East Shore, Curwood, Northlake)

- **Issue:** Repeated waterline breaks and service problems in the Northlake–Curwood–East Shore area.
 - **Finding:** Waterline mostly in yards, not the roadway—road replacement not required.
 - **Plan:** Replace waterline, remove Northlake center island, complete a mill-and-fill resurfacing.
 - **Timeline:** Design after Valley Road project; likely funded by Waterline and Street Maintenance Funds.
 - **Budget Outlook:** Sufficient; recent grants have freed funds for this work.
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5. Task Order #38 – 2025 Roadway Improvements

- **Includes:** Minerva Lake Road reconstruction and Northland Plaza Drive.
 - **Budget:** \$55,000 (inspection services); \$11,500 used; \$43,500 remaining.
 - **Status:** Major progress—drainage and curbs completed, paving to finish mid-November.
 - **Discussion:** Coordination with schools and residents during final paving; minor clarifications on hydrant placements.
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6. Task Order #39 – Kilbourne Run Erosion Mitigation

- **Budget:** \$39,000; \$1,558 invoiced.
 - **Site Visit:** Conducted October 6; engineers identified erosion near dam spillway and under a cart path.
 - **Findings:** Energy dissipation at spillway key; possible low-cost stabilization (riprap, regrading) vs. major slope repair.
 - **Deliverable:** Technical memo and cost estimate due December 19, 2025.
 - **Additional Note:** Discussion of dam flow control options; no active regulation system since redesign.
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7. Task Order #40 – Valley Road Reconstruction

- **Scope:** Full road reconstruction with drainage, sidewalks, and new waterline from Minerva Lake Rd to pool.

- **Budget:** \$60,000 total; ~\$4,000 used.
 - **Timeline:** Advertise Nov 21; bids due Dec 19; completion before pool opens (May 2026).
 - **Challenges:** Tight schedule; possible tree removal for sidewalk; ensuring coordination with pool improvements.
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8. Potential Future Project – Sidewalk / Pedestrian Master Plan

- **Context:** Prior task orders for master plans (36, 37) were closed or paused.
 - **Current Focus:** Evaluate two possible pedestrian routes using preliminary (Class 4) cost estimates:
 - **Route A:** Farview → Minerva Lake Rd → Cleveland Ave (\$418K–\$600K)
 - **Route B:** Farview → North Lake → Park Lane → Jordan → Cleveland Ave (\$462K–\$653K)
 - **Discussion Points:**
 - Tree loss and aesthetic concerns on Minerva Lake Rd route.
 - Complex permitting, terrain, and retaining wall needs for North Lake route.
 - Questions about available **COTA/state grant funds** (~\$550K + \$250K possible).
 - Potential delay due to permit timelines (6–12 months) and lack of finalized funding contracts.
 - Consensus: Need financial clarity and engineering data before committing.
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General Themes & Council Discussion

- Strong collaboration between council, fiscal staff, and Engineer Flickinger.
 - Shared concern about project funding timing, budget flexibility, and communication with residents.
 - Recognition of need to balance infrastructure upgrades with aesthetics and environmental sensitivity.
 - Agreement to keep advancing design work while awaiting clarity on grant terms and fiscal capacity.
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Action Items Summary

1. **Maintenance Building:** Finalize permit and utilities; contractor to start within weeks.

2. **Storm Sewer Project:** Reassess funding for 2026; possibly combine CCTV cycle.
3. **Waterline/Northlake:** Finalize scope and fee; coordinate with fiscal for new task order.
4. **Valley Road:** Proceed with design and bidding schedule.
5. **Kilbourne Run:** Deliver report and cost estimates by Dec. 19.
6. **Sidewalk Routes:** Continue preliminary design; await funding documentation from COTA/state.
7. **General:** Maintain fiscal coordination and communicate schedule changes to residents and schools.

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