



To: The Village President and Board of Trustees

From: Chris Dopkins, P.E., Village Engineer

Re: Engineering Report – February 2022 Activity

Date: March 7, 2022

Please allow this memorandum to provide a brief summary of major activity over the past month that involves the engineering department:

- **Public Works Building:** The grant agreements have arrived, and we are moving ahead with the project. However, a new issue has arisen that we need to address which is the demolition of the former Forrest Pallet building. As you may recall, there is common wall along the easterly property line of the Public Works site that separates the Village's building from the neighboring building. During design, we met with the neighboring property owner who decided that he would demolish his building concurrently with the Village's demolition. Plans for demolition were then prepared in accordance with the wishes of the property owner, and Sosnowski/Szeto prepared an agreement between the Village and the owner to memorialize the terms of the demolition. Unfortunately, the owner now reports that the business climate has changed, and he is unsure if he will be able to proceed with demolition as originally planned. We have discussed a number of options internally, and staff is meeting with the business owner with the hope of coming to an agreement within the next few weeks. Once we have agreement our intent is to place the project out for public bid letting.
- **West Grove Park Improvements:** The Contractor has been on site over the past few weeks and has completed the project.
- **Sherman Oaks Drainage Improvements:** 90% plans were sent out for utility review, and we have responses from most utility providers. There are a few minor revisions that need to be made which will not impact the cost of the work. We suggest that bid letting be authorized on March 16th, advertise for bids on March 18th, open bids on or about March 30th and award a contract (assuming good bid results) on April 13th. The contractor will then have the ability to choose when the start construction activity on the project with two (2) caveats. The first is that once the work is started it must be completed to the point of substantial completion (which basically means that everything is done except planting the grass; and (2) the planting of the grass must be completed between September 2nd and 16th in order to give the new grass a good chance to germinate.
- **Oak Lawn Mobile Home Park:** Engineering plans for the water connection were submitted and subsequently reviewed. We expect that plans will be approved and ready for submittal to IEPA by the end of the month.