



To: The Village President and Board of Trustees

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

Re: Engineering Report – May 2023 Activity

Date: June 18, 2023

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

- **Public Works Building:** Shop drawings, material samples continue to be circulated for review. At the time of this memorandum, the water and sewer improvements are substantially complete and we'll be filing for the operating permit this coming week. Stenstrom is planning to begin the site work (erosion control, dirt work and storm sewer improvements) sometime between June 22nd and 26th, and they should be complete around July 7th. Once complete, we'll file the final paperwork w/ the County to close out the Village's portion of the DCEO Grant. At the time of this memorandum, Larson and Larson is expecting to start work on the building in mid-August.
- **2023 Pavement Maintenance Program:** As you know, Poplar Grove Road is closed for Bridge replacement, and Orth Road is being utilized as a detour route. Additionally, IL 76 is restricted to one lane at the bridge as IDOT is undertaking a bridge deck maintenance project. Traffic on Orth Road is very heavy as a result and both DPW Howe and I are of the opinion that, at a minimum IL 76 needs to fully reopen to traffic before the Village begins its work on Orth Road. I think that everyone knows that the County is planning to resurface Poplar Grove prior to reopening the bridge. I recently had the opportunity to discuss the Village's program with the Boone County Engineer and the County planning to resurface Poplar Grove Road in September (immediately before the bridge reopens). After discussions w/ DPW Howe, we are of the opinion that the Village should coordinate its work on Poplar Grove Road (State Street) with the County, and then complete the work on Orth after Poplar Grove Road is reopened to traffic. Therefore, most of the work will take place in September. We are still targeting July for a contract award.
- **Concept Development Agreement:** We have reviewed the data from Schefflow Engineers and forwarded our findings/comments the VA's Office. Both the VA's Office and our office continue to chase contacts in order to determine the status of the 220 connections that are reserved.
- **Comcast Utility Installation:** As previously reported, Comcast is undertaking a very large project to place new fiber optic and coaxial cable throughout the Village which will increase reliability and speeds. Comcast resubmitted numerous plan sets and we plan to review those this week.