

Village of Spring Valley
Minutes for Public Works Committee

August 13, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chair Nate Pelz.

Members Present: Pelz, Huepfel, O'Connell

Members absent:

Others present: PW Supervisor Kirby, Administrator Emerson

Approval of Minutes:

Approval of Agenda: Motion (Huepfel/O'Connell) to approve agenda #2 to #1. Carried

1. 2026 budget: Kirby presented a spreadsheet listing all roads within the Village and the last maintenance, if any, that was done on them. Projections for future maintenance were also presented based on number of miles of road, life of road, and how many feet/miles of road need to be completed each year to maintain what we have. Based on this, the 2026 proposed road work could include 1850' of road repaving on Beltline from MaryAnn to Hwy 29, 475' Mary Ann St. from Beltline to Lois St., chip seal Eau Galle Rd, Sabin Ave, State St. which were all paved in 2021. Total cost \$356,000. Minor road repairs/pot hole patching also need to be budgeted at an average cost of \$20,000/year. A new laptop is needed, current is 5 years old, budget split between ST/W/S. A comprehensive study is needed for sanitary sewer as the lift stations are over capacity; the number of households added in the Business Park, addition of elementary school, addition of Buckley Court have all contributed to the strain on this system – cost \$20,000+ to Sewer Fund. Possibility of raising sewer usage rate by \$1/000 to pay for generator, Emerson will run numbers. Glade Ave bridge replacement cost \$655,830 scheduled to be done in 2026 per LRIP grant schedule. Grant is \$280,650 leaving \$375,180 to be funded by Street Department through a loan. A new skid steer plow and grapple bucket are needed at \$14,300 to Street Department budget. Parks department budget needs a second fish food dispenser, pond fountain, trout restock. Budgets as presented will be added to the full Village budget and presented to Finance.
2. Third Street sidewalks need to be redone from McKay Ave west to the alley on the north side and McKay Ave west to Newman Ave. on the south side. Harmon Concrete gave a bid of \$23,530. Some work will be done by PW bringing total cost to \$35,825 which will be assessed to the property owners. Emerson will find the specific procedure for special assessments.
3. Public Service Commission has notified the Village that we are eligible for and should consider a simplified rate case (SRC). We are eligible since we did a full rate case in the recent past; by doing a simplified rate case every few years we can keep up with inflationary costs and maintain revenue continuity. An SRC helps sustain a utility's financial health and avoid significant rate hikes for customers. Emerson was directed to begin the process.
4. Kirby recommends chip sealing both parking lots at Handy Andy and the treatment plant, he will get quotes.
5. General updates: Emerson will write a note to local resident to clear around her fire hydrant. PW will start looking into alternative sites to relocate PW facility/shop, possibly a pole barn style at lower cost.

Motion (O'Connell/Pelz) to adjourn. 10:01 a.m.

Respectfully submitted
Luann Emerson, Administrator