

Utility Commission Minutes March 1, 2023

Chairman Joanmarie Wermes called to order the Utility Commission meeting of Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at noon in the HEPD. Those present besides Chairman Wermes, were Staff Liaison Joseph Nebel, and Commissioners Jim Bamburger and Tricia O'Brien. There were no public comments.

Commissioner O'Brien moved to accept the minutes of January 4, 2023 and Commissioner Bamburger seconded the motion.

Public Works Director and Staff Liaison Joe Nebel reported that on Wednesday Feb. 22, 2023 the village experienced a significant freezing rain event. While roadways held and remained above freezing, a number of branches and trees fell leading to numerous power outages. At the height of the storm there were 2,000 services without power in the village but by the morning of Feb. 23, 2023 that number already was down to less than 30. Com Ed did a great job getting people's power back up quickly. As a result of the large number of branches that came down, the village instituted a village-wide branch pickup program that began on Monday, Feb. 27, 2023 and was expected to last a week and a half or two. Nebel said Com Ed is replacing a significant amount of underground cabling in various locations of the village, namely; Pebble Beach, Beverly, Trillium, Seaver, Poplar Creek, Higgins, Sapphire Drive, Olmstead Drive, Huntington Blvd, and Queensbury Circle.

Furthermore, according to Nebel, Com Ed is converting approximately 2,000 feet of overhead cable to underground at Alcoa Lane. The company is installing cable spacers along the rear of West Berkley Lane to improve resistance to fallen branches.

Under unfinished Business, commissioners requested a budget of \$750 for 2024. Liaison Nebel agreed to request that amount from the Board of Trustees. Nebel said we have a full bag of red Mop Toppers equal to 40 or 45 pens, an amount that should be sufficient for the next event.

Commissioners discussed under New Business the upcoming Hog Energy contest and a possible CUB presentation. Commissioner Bamburger has full information on the contest and will give details to Chairman Wermes.

The meeting adjourned at 12:50 p.m.

The next meeting of the Utility Commission will be at noon, Wednesday, Sept. 6, 2023 in the Hoffman Estates Police Department.

The minutes were composed and submitted by Chairman Joanmarie Wermes.