

**TOWN OF KIRKWOOD  
WORK SESSION**

**May 31, 2022**

Present: Supervisor Lewis Grubham  
Councilwoman Katie Legg  
Councilwoman Sandy Wasson  
Councilman Robert Weingartner

Also Present: Robert McKertich, Attorney  
Kelley Diffendorf, Town Clerk  
John A. Finch Jr., Commissioner of Public Works  
Marchie Diffendorf, Planning Board Chairman

Absent: Councilman William Diffendorf, Jr.

**1. Colesville Road – Concerns from residents. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham explained he has been receiving calls from residents on Colesville Road that are upset about Don’s Automotive Mall (aka Fenix Parts Binghamton) increasing the size of their recycling/junk yard. Don’s is in the process of getting approval from the Planning Board for the changes they have already made, which is quite a sizeable area. It was done without approval and there is a process that has to be followed in order to do such a project. Marchie Diffendorf reported the earliest an approval meeting could be held is July, and that depends on the completion of the application.

**2. 2022 Agreements:**

**ACHIEVE**

**Police Athletic League (PAL) (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham mentioned these are yearly agreements in which the Town gives them money to run their programs in Kirkwood. **Resolutions.**

**3. Discussion – Court Street Sewer Project. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham referenced a handout with information on the cost of both projects that went out to bid in April 2022, the Court Street Sewer project and the Industrial Park Drive Sewer project. The Industrial Park Drive project was awarded and given the go ahead to begin, it came in under the estimated bid amount.

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The Court Street project was put on hold because a main water line is in the way of getting to the sewer line. The bid quotes that came in did not include moving the water line before the sewer line work could be done, therefore those quotes are no longer valid. The water line needs to be moved from Court Street to Barlow Road, it will run across the property that includes Subway and Beer Thirty. The estimated cost to move the water line is approximately \$78,000. The total cost for the entire Court Street project is estimated at \$295,400 and will have to go out to bid again.

It's very important to get this done, that sewer line is our main line through that area and it's not in very good shape. The money for this project will be coming from the Rescue Plan. After both of these projects are complete and paid for there will be a remaining balance of approximately \$160,000 in Rescue Plan money.

**Resolution.**

**4. Discussion – River Park Veterans Memorial. (LCG)**

Supervisor Grubham discussed repairing the Veterans Memorial at Veterans River Park. York Landscape came in with the lowest quote at \$4,570 to straighten the wall, re-cap the top layer, and replace any blocks that are bad. This is just repairing what is there, no additional features will be added.

**Resolution.**

**5. Discussion – Request from Chad Moran to attend Southern Tier Home Builders and Remodelers Association training on June 1-2, 2022 at Tioga Downs Conference Center at a cost of \$120.00. (LCG)**

**Resolution.**

**6. Discussion – Repair a pump at the Main Sewer Station. (JAF)**

John Finch discussed a quote he received from Pump Service and Supply of Troy, Inc. to repair an older sub pump that was just replaced with a new pump and keep the older one as a spare pump. The original plan was to buy a new pump each year for four years until they all were upgraded. All four pumps do not run at the same time unless there's an extreme amount of heavy water flow. With that said, John Finch feels that having a spare pump on hand is needed due to

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unforeseen emergencies. The cost to repair an older pump is \$4,599.50 and to buy a new pump is \$11,500. Supervisor Grubham inquired if the gaskets and packing will dry out on a spare pump that will be sitting around for an unknown amount of time. John Finch responded saying that has never been an issue and he is sure it will be used in a timely manner. The current pumps were put in after the 2006 flood and have all been rebuilt a number of times. It's hard to say if one is better than the other without taking them out and having them examined. The only reason the pumps are pulled out is if there is something wrong with them. The main issues that occur with the pumps are leaking seals and gaskets, and a need for an oil change. Once a repair order is placed it will take approximately 3 to 5 weeks to get the pump returned. **Resolution.**

**7. Audit of Claims.**