

**Village of Moreland Hills**  
**Facilities Committee Meeting Minutes**

**February 28, 2023**

**Call to order:** The meeting was called to order at 8:00am

**Establish Quorum:** The following members of the facilities committee were present: Service Director Ted DeWater; Village Engineer Jeff Filarski; Mayor Dan Fritz; Councilwomen Jennette Irish-Glass; Committee Chair Thomas Fish.

**Minutes of Previous Meeting:** A motion was made by Ted Dewater seconded by Dan Fritz, to approve the December meeting minutes. The motion passed unanimously.

**Resident Concerns:**

No concerns from residents

**Building Maintenance:**

Painting will be finished in the community building this week. Getting quotes for replacing some windows in village hall. All fire extinguishers and emergency lighting were checked. Budgeting for fixture replacements in Police department building.

**Utilities:**

Replaced a seal in pump station 1. Greentree treatment plant needs a new blower. Old model is discontinued so we are working on replacement.

Moreland Town Center was put on notice that their sanitary lines are packed with grease. The assumption is that all of the spaces were not originally designed to be restaurants and they may not have the proper grease traps built into their system. Or they simply have not been cleaning the ones they have, and the grease is moving into the drainage system. According to the Mayor they were told of these issues approximately 4 months earlier.

Bidding on EQ tanks over the next two weeks.

Met with Dominion regarding re-laying the gas line that goes back to the water treatment plant. Relocating the meter to behind the plant. Dominion is paying to lay the line. We will need to pay for the connection to the building.

NPDES (National Pollutants Discharge Elimination System) permits requests have been sent in. Waiting for the draft of the permit. Currently show under review on their website.

Jackson Valley Force main extension is 95% done all that's left is connect the new main to the old main. Waiting for dry weather.

**Parks and Greenspace:**

Work crews have started to freshen up cul-de-sacs to get ready for mulch.

The application has been prepared for the replacement of the stairs at the Garfield Park birthplace. The cost will be approximately \$280,000. Jenette asked, "do we need to be ADA compliant"? The mayor answered that there is vehicle access for handicapped individuals directly from route 91 so the stairs do not need to be compliant.

**Miscellaneous:**

An issue was discussed regarding the fire hydrants on Greentree road. The system is private and owned by the association. They have a 5000-gallon tank with 2000 gallons of water in it along with air that pressurizes the system to move the water. There was a fire on the street and the fire department could not open the hydrants. The hydrants were locked up because they have not been maintained. It is typical to flush and grease the hydrants once a year, once every two years at the minimum.

The mayor reached out and asked the association what they were doing to maintain the hydrants and the answer given was the village does it. The village was asked approximately 10 years ago to stop any maintenance on the hydrants because it was a private system. There were concerns that if when flushing, if you shut the hydrant down too quickly you can cause pressure spikes (water hammer) and damage area plumbing.

Our legal team sent a letter asking them to provide a statement regarding who will be taking care of the hydrants. The response was that they do not have to flush/maintain the hydrants. The association president then said it was the responsibility of Jim Newell, he has not responded.

We are looking at some alternatives while ironing out the situation. Maybe tying into the watermain on Bentleyville Rd. if possible or adding a valve that would be closed except in times of fire.

Still working on resolution.

There is also an issue with water testing; it has been not done in years.

Moreland Hills will be doing maintenance of the village owned hydrants over the next month.

Jeff is working on quotes for the camera viewing of the sewers.

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn by Ted DeWater seconded by Jenette Irish-Glass.

**Next Meeting: April 4, 2023 @ 8:00 a.m.**