

# CITY OF WARRENVILLE

## MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and City Council  
From: Philip M. Kuchler, Public Works Director   
Subject: AGENDA SUMMARY FOR MAY 12, 2025 PUBLIC WORKS AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING  
Date: May 7, 2025

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### F. BUSINESS OF MEETING

1. Illinois Section American Water Works Association Presentation of Award (Attachment)  
In February 2025, the Illinois Section American Water Works Association (ISAWWA) confirmed that Warrenville has achieved Gold Level status as a Water Ambassador. The ISAWWA Water Ambassador Program is an initiative created to elevate public perception, knowledge, and consumer education of the water industry. The program aims to accomplish these goals through presenting educational content in a manner that is relevant, engaging, and consistent among participants. ISAWWA annual awards and program certification are determined by the frequency and method of communications.

Asset Management Analyst Hernandez-Galvan will introduce ISAWWA's Board Secretary and Treasure Hanting Wang, who will present the City of Warrenville with the Water Ambassador Certificate and street sign, to recognize Warrenville's achievement.

**Committee Action Requested:** For informational purposes only.

**Staff Recommendation:** Not applicable.

**Budgetary Impact:** Not applicable.

**Other Resources Required:** Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** #5 Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods – Proactive Community Education

2. Water Treatment Plant Bids (Attachment)  
Bids were opened for the Well No. 13 Water Treatment Plant Project on March 27, 2025. Four bids were received, ranging from \$5,795,000.00 to \$6,666,117.70. The bids were all significantly higher than the original (2022) \$2,569,000, and the updated (2025) \$4,747,755 engineer's estimates. Public Works Director Kuchler's May 7, 2025, memo provides additional detail about the higher than expected costs, and staff's recommendations on the contract. Director Kuchler and a representative from Engineering Enterprises will present this item and answer questions at the meeting.

**Committee Action Requested:** Recommend the City Council i.) pass a resolution rejecting all bids for the Well No. 13 Water Treatment Plant Project (B2025-02), and ii.) pass a resolution waiving competitive bidding and entering into a contract with Whittaker Construction and Excavating, Inc. of Earlville, Illinois in the amount of \$5,815,000 for the Well No. 13 Water Treatment Plant Project.

**Staff Recommendation:** Public Works Director Kuchler and City Administrator White recommend this action.

**Budgetary Impact:** This will require a budget amendment, as the contract amount has increased to approximately \$5.8 million, whereas the original budget was based on an anticipated project cost of \$2.6 million. Finance Director Dahlstrand has confirmed there is sufficient fund balance and incoming revenue in TIF#4 to absorb the significantly higher than expected costs.

**Other Resources Required:** Significant staff time to coordinate with the contractor and consulting engineer during construction.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** #3 Quality City Services – Maintain and Replace City Infrastructure

3. Veterans Memorial Workgroup Recommendations (Attachment)

The Veterans Memorial Workgroup consists of Aldermen Lockett and Augustynowicz, City staff, and representatives of the VFW / American Legion and Warrenville in Bloom. The group met four times between fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. The group is recommending short-term repairs in FY26 and a long-term reconstruction of the memorial in FY28. The recommendations include contracting with a consultant to develop design and construction documents, and developing an agreement with a volunteer group interested in raising money to help pay for the reconstruction. Public Works Director Kuchler's May 7, 2025, memo provides additional detail, and Director Kuchler will make a brief presentation and answer questions at the meeting.

**Committee Action Requested:** Recommend the City Council accept the Veterans Memorial Workgroup recommendations provided in Public Works Director Kuchler's May 7, 2025 memorandum included with the agenda backup materials.

**Staff Recommendation:** Public Works Director Kuchler recommends this action.

**Budgetary Impact:** The design contract is estimated to be \$35,000, which was not included in the FY26 budget. There is sufficient funding in the FY26 budget for staff to perform the fountain removal, concrete repairs, and coating of the concrete, estimated to be less than \$10,000.

**Other Resources Required:** Staff and City Attorney time to negotiate and draft agreements for City Council consideration.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** #5 Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods – Legacy Private Infrastructure Challenges

4. Public Tree Ordinance (Attachment)

The City received a 2023 Urban & Community Forestry Grant for Managing Emerald Ash Borer for a Healthy Urban Forest. The \$19,000 grant covered a portion of the City's parkway tree planting program in the fall of 2024 and spring of 2025. One of the grant requirements was for the City to adopt a Tree Preservation Ordinance. Staff worked with

the City Attorney and the Chicago Region Trees Initiative to develop and refine the tree ordinance included with the agenda backup materials. In the future, staff intends to consolidate the tree planting lists and the list of undesirable trees to one location to which this ordinance, and any ordinances related to stormwater or development can refer. When that occurs, staff will solicit input from the Environmental Advisory Commission on the lists. Public Works Director Kuchler will present this item and answer questions.

**Committee Action Requested:** Recommend the City Council pass an ordinance amending the Warrenville City Code regarding the protection of City-owned trees.

**Staff Recommendation:** Public Works Director Kuchler recommends this action.

**Budgetary Impact:** None.

**Other Resources Required:** None.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** #3 Quality City Services – Deliver Services Sustainably

5. River Road Speed Limit (Attachment)

Jurisdiction of River Road and a portion of Warrenville Road was transferred from DuPage County to the City of Warrenville in 2024. River Road currently has a 40 mph speed limit and Warrenville Road has a 35 mph speed limit. The City engaged Kimley Horn to conduct vehicle speed studies of both roadways. The resulting recommendations were to maintain the 35 mph speed limit on Warrenville Road and reduce the speed limit on River Road to 30 mph.

The recommended River Road speed limit reduction is due to the single-family residential neighborhood including the presence of Cerny Park and Bower Elementary School, as well as the upcoming project to add curb and gutter to the west side of the road. The improvements will slightly narrow the pavement, and trees will be planted behind the new curb to help encourage traffic to slow down. Public Works Director Kuchler will present this item and answer questions.

**Committee Action Requested:** Recommend the City Council direct the City Attorney to prepare an ordinance amending the Warrenville City Code to create a 30 mile per hour speed limit for River Road after construction of the road improvements is complete.

**Staff Recommendation:** Public Works Director Kuchler and Police Chief Bonilla recommend this action.

**Budgetary Impact:** None.

**Other Resources Required:** City Attorney time to prepare the ordinance and staff time to replace the speed limit signage.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** #5 Safe and Healthy Neighborhoods – Evaluate Speed Limits

6. Public Works FY26 Work Program and Decision Package Status Report (Attachment)

The Public Works Department Work Program identifies specific projects and initiatives staff expects to advance during the current fiscal year, in addition to normal day-to-day core operational and service-delivery responsibilities of the department. Staff has updated the FY26 Public Works Department Work Program to provide the status of department projects. A copy of the report is included with the agenda backup materials.

**Committee Action Requested:** None. For informational purposes only.

**Staff Recommendation:** Not applicable.

**Budgetary Impact:** Not applicable.

**Other Resources Required:** Not applicable.

**Strategic Plan Goal:** Not applicable.

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