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MEMO DATE: April 21, 2021
TO: Ordinance Review Committee
FROM: Heidi Murphy
RE: Discuss Chapter 270-2 Sidewalks and Streets: Construction and Repair

Currently, costs for new sidewalks in existing areas and sidewalk repairs that the Village deems necessary fall 50% on the property owner of the abutting property and 50% on the Village. I would like to review this ordinance and consider repairs and new sidewalks in existing neighborhoods to be 100% paid for by the Village. This change would create equity and improve safety of our pedestrian infrastructure for all residents without an extra burden being placed on the individual property owner. In addition, this will reduce the workload on staff coordinating with property owners for payments leaving additional time for other tasks. My intent of this change would not remove the requirements of developers/builders to repair sidewalk damages due to construction. In addition, a public meeting would still be in the best interest of the village if a new sidewalk is recommended in an existing neighborhood, but cost would not be a barrier for this infrastructure improvement. Perhaps a survey could gather information from residents on where we may want focus our limited resources on improving the pedestrian infrastructure system. We would likely need budgetary impact figures and may want to consider a phased in approach.

Please see the current ordinance below:

A. Sidewalks and curb ramps. Assessments will be determined by taking the front footage times the width, times the square foot cost.

(1) The Public Works Director, foreman and/or Village Engineer, following the Sidewalk Policy, will determine which sidewalks will be added, repaired and/or replaced staying within the budget.

(2) In the case of new sidewalk the cost shall be borne 50% by the abutting property owner and 50% by the Village. The cost of curb ramps shall be borne 100% by the Village.

(3) In the case of replacement or repair to existing sidewalk the cost shall be borne at 50% to the abutting property owner and 50% to the Village. The cost of curb ramps shall be borne 100% by the Village. Allowable repairs, at the discretion of the Public Works Director or his or her designee, include:

[Amended 5-9-2007 by Ord. No. 06-2007]



- (a) Grinding.
- (b) Mud jacking.
- (c) Removal and replacement.