



CITY OF WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS

Public Works Committee Agenda Communication

Meeting Date: 11-4-19

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Agenda Item: Cruger Road Mailboxes

Explanation: Last Spring the Washington Post Office was contacted for possibly moving the mailboxes on the north side of Cruger Road to the south side of Cruger. The reason for this was to prevent damage to the mailboxes by snow removal operations. The snow generally blows from the north creating drifting and, in some cases, buries the mailboxes making it difficult or impossible to see the mailboxes during snow removal operations. Moving the mailboxes to the south side of the road would reduce the damage to mailboxes caused by drifting snow and its removal. The Post Office determined that the mailboxes needed to be moved to a centralized location, Nofsinger at Cruger, and Independence.

On occasion, the Township will use the road grader to “wing” the drifts back. This makes it difficult to determine whether the damage was done by the Township or our employees. The City always takes responsibility for the damage to our residents’ mailboxes where appropriate.

Because of the Townships efforts to assist the City with winter operations they have an interest in seeing the mailboxes moved and have offered to move the mailboxes with the City’s assistance and in cooperation with the Post office.

Fiscal Impact: Mailboxes are not specifically budgeted for and could fall under a number of different accounts in the Streets Budget.

Recommendation/

Committee Discussion Summary: If mailboxes are moved and the City has a choice in where they are placed, it would be my recommendation for the mailboxes to be on Independence and Brown, not Nofsinger and Cruger.

Action Requested: Increase the dollar amount reimbursed for mailbox replacement.