

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING MINUTES**  
**Wednesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2022 6:00 p.m., Reinders Room**

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**1. Roll call.**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Mr. Schindler

Present: Mr. Schindler, Mr. Koleski, Mr. Harley, Mr. McNamara & Ms. Cornell Via Zoom Mr. Coons

Absent: Mr. Casperson

Also Present: Mr. Paul and Natalie Schneider, pathway ad hoc committee member

**2. Review and act on minutes for October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting.**

Mr. Harley moved and Mr. McNamara seconded to approve the October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

**3: Discussion and possible action on Gebhardt Rd Project**

Mr. Schindler started the discussion informing the committee of the passing of the referendum in which case the next steps would be to have staff to move forward with communicating with Ruckert- Mielke for the design. Mr. Paul explained that he and Mr. De Angelis had spoken to Mr. Petersen of R-M last week and that R-M would not be able to get started on it until the end of the month/beginning of December to finalize the plans that are already 90% complete. Mr. Paul reminded the committee that the plans were put on hold until it was determined whether or not there was a grant, in which design requirements would have to be aligned with DOT specifications, or whether or not the referendum passed. Mr. Paul explained that the current direction of the design included realignment of the intersection, widening of Gebhardt Rd to meet a 12' lane standard, a regrading of the hill at the south end of the intersection on Highland, as well as the addition of the pathway.

Mr. Koleski confirmed that we did not receive any funding for this project and informed the Public Works Committee that the Finance Committee would need to come up with a plan for the funding element of the project since the upward of \$1.3 million was not available in Village Funds. Mr. Koleski also requested staff provide a cost of what the application submittal with R-M cost the Village to prepare this last attempt.

Ms. Natalie Schneider, a resident and member of the Ad Hoc Pathway Committee urged the committee to move forward with design completion and bidding as promptly as possible as this has been on the agenda for quite some time and noting that there was no financing element in the referendum and in a discussion with Mr. De Angelis, it was noted that any amount that was not funded would be borrowed to get the project done in the event that the referendum passed. Ms. Schneider urged them to get it bid soon so the financing discussion can take place as needed.

Mr. Schindler reminded the committee that the Village would also be going after a TAP Grant to assist with funding measures as well.

**4: Update on Streambank Stabilization Project**

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the construction is almost completed and they are in the process of final clean up. Plantings will take place in spring and Interfluve is submitting the extension for the grant.

Mr. Coons mentioned it would be nice to add updates to the website for residents to understand what was being done. The committee agreed and asked that photos be added as well to help convey the status of the project.

**5: Review and possible recommendation of the Recycling Agreement with Waukesha County**

Mr. Paul explained that this is a document that Mr. De Angelis had e-mailed to committee members earlier for review. This document formalizes a review of the of the rebates/dividends that the County pays out to the local municipalities and how that figure is calculated based upon the current conditions in the recycling market. The dividends are paid out after a threshold of maintenance funds are satisfied before any community disbursements.

The committee decided to table this item with interest in more information including historical data including what funds the Village had received in the past as a comparison, as well as to understanding what extent Mr. de la Mora reviewed the document.

Mr. Koleski motioned to table the item until the following month. Ms. Cornell seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**6: Update on PP I/I Project**

Mr. Paul explained that currently the televising project has been approved and awaiting final contract documents. The actual construction/rehabilitation project is still under review at MMSD.

**7: Discussion and possible action on concrete driveway approach rules**

The Village Ordinance 335-34 states that “All portions of driveways that connect to the Village ROW must be constructed of bituminous asphalt...” recently there have been a handful of driveways that have been placed without permitting that violate this part of the ordinance. Mr. Paul requested the discussion with the committee as to how they would like to see enforcement or update the ordinance.

Mr. Coons found this to be similar to the discussion of items in the ROW that the committee worked with a couple of years ago and should likely follow similar procedures. The committee discussed items relative to the cost of asphalt vs. concrete in the approach, what was required when replacing a culvert, how the asphalt approach ordinance aids in street reconstruction and paving and what other communities may do.

The committee decided to table the item until next meeting to allow time to review and come up with items that would firm up the ordinance and additional actions taken.

Mr. Koleski motioned to table the item until the following month. Mr. Harley seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**8: Review of 2022 Watertown Plank Rd Paving Project**

Mr. Paul provided the committee with a memo and spreadsheet highlighting how the changes from the challenges with the road reconstruction issues reflected on the overall cost. IT also highlights the savings that were gained with tackling the mill and resurfacing of Sunny Slope Rd.

Mr. Coons appreciate the fact that the project was able to be carried out and allowed the Village to jump ahead on a rapidly declining main roadway as well.

Mr. Koleski understood there was no limit to any overages on a project like this as the project was bid out with unit prices, but did mention a consideration for limits on overages once approved.

Mr. Paul understood the concern, though did explain that it can be difficult to estimate some factors of the variables until a certain point of progress in the project is completed relative to undercutting, base repair and timing with available contractor equipment. Mr. Paul did mention that most projects are pretty close to the estimate, the last one that ended up going over was in 2019 when sub soils and sanitary issues were uncovered.

**9: Review, discussion and possible action on Gebhardt Rd Bridge Maintenance Agreement with the City of Brookfield**

Mr. Paul explained that the items in your packet are the same as last meeting with the goal for this item was to review and discuss what action is to be taken. Brookfield would like to have the agreement in place in advance of any further action so when there is available funding, the process will be set in place. The City of Brookfield did draw up the initial agreement and Mr. de la Mora reviewed it.

The committee still did have concerns about planning and funding in advance. This was a crucial part to approving it and understanding our financial planning model.

The committee decided to table this item with interest in more information as to understanding what extent Mr. de la Mora reviewed this document.

Mr. Koleski motioned to table the item until the following month. Mr. Harley seconded. Motion carried 6-0.

**8: Review of 2022 Watertown Plank Rd Paving Project**

**Mr. Paul provided the committee with a memo and spread13. Adjourn**

Mr. McNamara motioned and Mr. Koleski seconded to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 pm Motion carried 6-0.

Respectfully. Submitted

Richard Paul, Jr.  
Public Works Director

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