

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 10th, 2021 6:00 p.m., Park View Room**

1. Roll call.

Meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm by Mr. Kressin

Present: Mr. Haas, Mr. Kressin and Mr. Casperson, and Via Zoom Mr. Coons, Mr. Harley & Mr. McNamara

Absent: Ms. Cornell

Also Present: Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Paul, Andy Petersen, Ruekert Mielke via Zoom

2. Review and act on minutes for November 15th, 2021 Meeting.

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Harley seconded to approve the November 15th, 2021 meeting minutes. Motion carried 6-0.

3. Update on Gebhardt Rd reconstruction, realignment and pathway

Mr. De Angelis explained that the most up to date cost estimates, along with the comments from the open house were provided to the committee. He then asked Mr. Petersen, Village Engineer, Ruekert-Mielke, review the plans, cost estimates and comments. Mr. Petersen indicated that the neighbors were generally in favor of the road reconstruction and agreed the pathway was beneficial but would appreciate the opportunity to look at possibly relocating it in some areas. They also felt that the intersection realignment at Highland was not preferred nor did the resident neighbors feel it would gain any safety with speed of the motorists whom they felt caused the largest safety concern. Mr. Petersen did state that sight lines still needed to be evaluated as to whether or not other design options could prove to provide better results. Mr. Petersen was going to review the sight lines with options of lowering the intersection but leaving the alignment where it currently sits.

In addition to the design discussion, the committee discussed the strategy of bidding the project. Since there is a need to wait until the April referendum on whether or not it will be required for the Village to hold a referendum on Public Works Projects exceeding \$1M, the committee discussed what to do moving forward. Since the current costs estimates both came in over \$1M with the contingencies for road work and pathway, this project could be delayed based upon that vote, but also due to the current monies in the budget available of approximately \$800,000. The committee discussed the opportunity to bid after the vote which brings with it the exposure of more costly bids due to lack of available contractors and their schedules which have most likely been set after earlier year bidding. This may not be as large of an impact since there is a projection that there will be even more projects available in 2023 with the stimulus money from the Federal Government and there may not be enough contractors available to bid all of the work, thus raising the cost from that perspective.

The Committee requested Mr. Peterson to review the site lines and elevations of Highland Dr. and what that would look like without moving the intersection for review at the next PWUC meeting. The idea of lane dividers was also discussed for the improved intersection.

The committee was prepared to move on to the next agenda item and discuss the current and updated road ratings and how that may impact the future projects as well as Gebhardt Rd. In the meantime, Mr. Petersen will provide further options at the next meeting.

4. Update on 2021 PASER Road Ratings

Mr. Paul presented the committee with updated ratings on the village roads, highlighting the roads that were rated as a "5" which is the typical threshold in which plans to repave or reconstruct are considered. Mr. Paul also explained that here have been a few roads that have dropped to a "4" rating which indicated a need to move these up on the list a little sooner than had expected.

The committee discussed the results of the updated ratings and how the previously discussed status of the initially planned Gebhardt Rd reconstruction has been impacted. Mr. Haas noted that the goal of the new Transportation Fund was to shoot for \$500,000 annual paving funding with the premise that some years may not be as costly and can be rolled over to successive years to help fund those planned roads when they are in need of excess of the \$500,000.

Mr. Paul confirmed with the committee as to the prioritization needs in which he will modify based upon the new ratings. Mr. Paul did also explain that with the scope of work in some of the areas, there is more

stormwater work that needs to be performed than his DPW crew can handle, in which case some of the stormwater work would be sub contracted out to meet the schedules of the new paving plan. Mr. Harley asked that those projections also be estimated to understand the impact on the paving budgets. Mr. De Angelis explained that the stormwater work comes out of a separate Stormwater Fund that the Village maintains for the annual work but may need adjustment at times based upon the needs.

The committee also discussed a point that Mr. Petersen had brought up in discussion of the Gebhardt Rd and Pathway project in that during the bidding, the Village includes a base and alternate bid to feasibly cover other adjacent roadways that need attention to see if they can achieve better pricing with economy of scale.

Mr. Paul will put together the new 10 Year Plan with the updated rating for the next PWUC meeting.

5. Update on Public Works Projects.

Mr. De Angelis explained that the Streambank Stabilization is being modified back to existing creek stabilization due to the Army Corps of Engineering's requirement of full mitigation which would add \$50,000-100,000 more to the project that is not budgeted. Plans will be forthcoming.

6. Other Business.

None.

7. Adjourn

Mr. Casperson motioned and Mr. Harley seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Paul, Jr. Public Works Director