

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
Monday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021 6:00 p.m., Park View Room**

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**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, Ms. Cornell & Mr. McNamara

Absent: None

Also Present: Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Paul, Andy Petersen and Peter Gesch of Ruckert Mielke via Zoom  
Additional attendees included residents

**2. Review and act on minutes for January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 Meeting.**

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Harley seconded to approve the January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried 7-0.

**3. Review and possible recommendation on Gebhardt Rd/Highland Dr. Reconstruction**

Mr. De Angelis introduced Mr. Petersen, Village Engineer, Ruckert-Mielke, and Mr. Gesch Project Engineer of Ruckert Mielke to provide the findings of the Sight distance study they had completed for their review of the intersection. The discussion entailed factors relative to moving the intersection 5' to the south to assist with sight distance (as well as the north side drainage), likely including a left turn lane to allow for stacking of 2-3 cars, stop sign placement (with consideration of a future pathway along Highland Dr.) and grading.

Mr. Kressin asked that Mr. Petersen and Mr. Gesch provide some updates at the next committee meeting, as well as what it would look like if the project was split over a two year period with the East and West side being two separate projects to assist with the funding.

The committee was pleased that there would be less impact in the ROW adjacent to the homeowner's properties in this area. Further discussion will occur at the next months meeting.

**4. Update on 2021 PASER Road Ratings**

Mr. Paul presented the committee with updated ratings and classification of the village roads including the associated projected costs, highlighting the roads that were rated as a "4 and 5" as per requested by the committee. Mr. Paul noted that the costs of all of the recently rated roads would total approximately \$9.5 million over the course of the next 10 years, a greater cost than the budgeted \$5.5 million.

Mr. De Angelis noted that by utilizing an alternate for 2022 would place the Village in a better position for the Gebhardt Rd/Highland Dr reconstruction funding for 2023. The committee discussed the results of the updated costs and how the previously discussed status of the initially planned Gebhardt Rd reconstruction has been impacted by the pending referendum. Mr. Haas noted that the goal of the new Transportation Fund was to shoot for \$550,000 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 \$550,000. With that in mind, he suggested the substitution of Gebhardt Rd with Watertown Plank Rd estimated at \$375,000 which would allow the Village to build the funds up and carry over to the next year. Mr. Coons and Mr. Haas agreed that the prioritization of main roads should still prevail and further review of streets would occur in 2023 when another update of the streets are available.

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Coons seconded moving Watertown Plank Rd paving (from Highland Dr to Pilgrim Rd) to current year 2022. Motion carried 7-0

**5. Review of current Road Vacation Request**

Mr. De Angelis explained the requirement to update the committee on the status of the Road vacation Request although it was already approved at the last meeting. There was no need for any action taken and there were no comments.

**6. Update on Underwood Creek Streambank Stabilization Project**

Mr. De Angelis explained to the committee that since the Army Corps of Engineers determined a full environmental impact would be needed to move ahead creating potentially up to an additional \$100,000 of expense. The updated drawings will provide for an armoring of the banks to protect the sanitary sewer

infrastructure as the alternative. Mr. De Angelis explained that these plans are 50% and wanted feedback from the committee to progress towards final design. Mr. De Angelis also noted he will be inquiring about utilization of the grant money to help restore the forested area if feasible with this project. The committee agreed with the direction of the design and encouraged finalization. Mr. Haas did note that it would be helpful to add the Verbiage “no heavy equipment operation on Pedestrian Bridge” to the location of the bridge further SE to ensure there was no confusion.

**7. 2021 MS4 Report Draft available for committee and public review/comment**

Mr. Paul explained that the draft for the 2021 MS4 reporting is required to be made available to the public and this would satisfy that requirement. There were no public or committee comments on the draft report that was jointly compiled by Mr. Paul and representatives from Ruekert-Mielke.

**8. Update on Public Works Projects.**

Mr. Paul explained that the pillars/monument to Morningside Dr at Watertown Plank Rd was damaged twice within the last month, first by a bus and then more seriously damaged by a motorist who was being chased by New Berlin Police. The initial cost to make the repair by the bus company was approximately \$4,250 but was increased to \$15,725 by the second crash. Mr. Paul asked for comment on whether or not the committee would like to see it relocated about 6’ to the east to try and prevent this from occurring in the future due to it is extremely close proximity to the roadway. The committee agreed it would be helpful long term to have it moved east to help with navigating traffic. Mr. Paul is going to continue to gather more estimates. Mr. Kressin offered up a contact who was local that may also be able to provide an estimate since so many of the craftsmen that do this work are overbooked or not available.

**6. Other Business.**

Mr. De Angelis informed the committee that he was just informed by the City of Brookfield that they are planning on replacing the bridge at Gebhardt Rd and Pilgrim Pkwy this year and based upon historical Brookfield Resolution #666 dating back to 1968, the Village, County and City then split the cost 3 ways. He will keep the committee updated as we learn more about this project and our potential responsibilities.

**7. Adjourn**

Mr. Casperson motioned and Ms. Cornell seconded a motion to adjourn. Motion carried 7-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:17pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard Paul, Jr. Public Works Director