

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, October 17th, 2022 5:30 p.m., Reinders Room**

1. Roll call.

Meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Mr. Schindler

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

Absent: Mr. Casperson & Ms. Cornell

Also Present: Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Paul

2. Review and act on minutes for September 12th, 2022 Meeting.

Mr. Schindler noted a correction to the minutes stating “numerous requests” shall be struck from item 3 and replaced with “3 surveys which garnered 90% support of residents in favor of the pathways and willing to pay more taxes for them. The surveys dated 1989 and 2011 were village wide surveys and the 2021 survey reached the quadrant near the north end of Highland Dr which was conducted by Marquette University engineering graduate students.”

Mr. McNamara moved and Mr. Coons seconded to approve the September 12th, 2022 meeting minutes as corrected. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review, discussion and possible action on Gebhardt Rd Bridge replacement with City of Brookfield

Mr. De Angelis informed the committee that in the packets were an Inter Municipal Agreement to review as well as the details of the outcome of the project for reconstruction of the Gebhardt Rd bridge located at the west side of Pilgrim Pkwy. The project was designed and budgeted by the City of Brookfield to be built in 2023 but the Village of Elm Grove was not informed about the project until spring of this year. In a funding agreement for replacement in the 1960’s it was found that Elm Grove, Brookfield and Waukesha County would share the cost of any reconstruction even though it was owned by the City of Brookfield and the Village of Elm Grove.

The Village did not have an opportunity to budget for this project in advance and the estimated costs of the bridge doubled from approximately \$675,000 to the only bid received at \$1.15M. The committee discussed the timing and ability to fund this in such short notice as well as the need to have it completed in 2023.

Currently the Village is awaiting final ratings on a couple of its own bridges to understand the need for those repairs as a priority. Mr. De Angelis noted that the Gebhardt Bridge would not be eligible for grants until it dropped below a 50 Sufficiency Rating which now only rates at a 57 from the last inspection cycle in 2020.

Mr. De Angelis explained that there was only 1 bidder out of the 7 plan sets taken and some factors that may have lent to less bidders were complications with WE Energies electrical lines that were an obstacle to completing the work, as well as the amount of regional projects already in queue.

The committee felt that there was a benefit to looking at the option of applying for a grant, bidding at a later date to receive more bids, consider the WE Energies conflict and understanding that there was no eminent danger of collapse or a life safety issue, that it would be better to plan for the funding and bidding in the future.

Mr. Koleski motioned to recommend to the Village Board that due to the following reasons the Village not move forward with replacement of this bridge at this time; this unanticipated cost of replacement has not been planned for by the Village, the City of Brookfield to apply for a bridge grant when the rating reaches 50, due to the fact that there is an expected life of 8-10 years before

the bridge may require a weight rating and explore with We Energies to move the electrical lines to possibly facilitate more bidders for a possible rebid of the project to secure additional bids. Mr. McNamara seconded, motion passed unanimously.

4. Update on Village of Elm Grove Bridge Inspections

Mr. Paul informed the committee that staff had met with the Engineer whom performed the inspections on the bridges for the 2022 inspection year. At the time, the HSIS software that the DOT requires inspectors to enter information into, has been inoperable for some time. They are hoping within the foreseeable future that will be remedied so the new inspections can yield the current ratings. Items that were presented to staff included the delamination, rusting and deterioration of the Village Hall entrance Bridge off of Legion. This was rated a 66.8 during the 2020 inspection cycle and has worsened quite a bit since this bridge would require a replacement as the ability to rehab is not an option. There may be a requirement to do annual inspections based on the new poor rating.

The Marcella Bridge which has been oscillating between ratings was last rated as an 86 and though it has worsened over the last couple of years, there are repairs that can be made that will extend its life further. The biggest issue pointed out is that the galvanized metal culverts are starting to rust which could be an issue in the next decade at which would require a more in depth look at reconstruction.

The repairs suggested to increase the sufficiency rating will be scheduled in the near future.

5. Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul informed the committee that the crack sealing contractor is scheduled to begin their work the week of October 24th, 2022.

Mr. Koleski also pointed out that the Morningside Lane monument pillar appeared to be completed, requesting Mr. Paul to see if there was an option to get the existing one cleaned to better match the new monument.

12. Other Business

None.

13. Adjourn

Mr. Harley motioned and Mr. Coons seconded to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 pm Motion carried 5-0.

Respectfully. Submitted

Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director