

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 - 6:30 PM

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

Present: Phyllis Wiederhoeft - Chair, John Senseman, Mike Duerst

Absent: Manfred Enburg, Russ Swiggum

Also Present: Christopher Barnes - Public Works Director, Mark Judd - Patrolman

Public Present: Brock Jones

1. **Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Approve Agenda** -- Chair Wiederhoeft called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Wiederhoeft asked for additions and approval of the agenda. Duerst moved to accept the agenda, second by Senseman, motion carried.
2. **Action: Review Minutes of December 21, 2021** -- The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Duerst called for a motion to approve the December minutes as submitted, second by Senseman, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action, Driveway Permit Lot # CSM 14755 Red Stone Lane** -- Wiederhoeft introduced the item and asked Barnes to give an overview. The applicant is requesting the driveway for a new home. The builder, Brock Jones was present. Duerst asked if he was going to live in the home, Jones responded yes. Barnes stated that the driveway met all the town standards and recommended approval. Motion by Duerst to approve the driveway permit, second by Senseman, motion carried
4. **Discussion and Information: 2022 Road Improvement Program** -- Wiederhoeft asked Barnes for an update on the yearly program. Barnes stated the plans and documents were completed and ready to advertise for bids. The roads for the 2022 program are Grandview Road, Sunset Drive, and Rolling Oaks Lane. Sunset Drive will be split into 2 sections depending on the received bid amounts. Bids will be received March 7th for review at the March Public Works Committee Meeting. Wiederhoeft stated that there had been some discussion at the Town Board meeting about the selection of the roads for the program, and she asked for a motion to approve the selection. Motion by Duerst, second by Senseman to move ahead with the recommended roads, motion carried.
5. **Discussion and Information: American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Project Funding Selection** --- Barnes reviewed the attached list of possible projects/expenditures for the subject funding. Wiederhoeft stated that the town had approximately \$175,000 available to be used in the next 4 years. Duerst suggested that any available funds be put forward for road maintenance. Senseman asked what the Public Works committee role would be in determining the use of the funds. Barnes stated that the list was very preliminary, and that the town board would likely request the other committees to submit possible uses of the funds. No further discussion.
6. **Discussion and Information: 2022 Brush Collection Program** -- Barnes stated that he had requested local companies to submit their interest in such a program by February 11, 2022 so that the town can make a decision on the type of program moving forward. Senseman stated that he

did not like the idea of using town staff to do the collection. Wiederhoeft stated that the town budgeted \$40,000 for the program but that the program would be self-funded and no general fund monies had been approved for a program. Barnes stated he will report back on any interested parties.

7. **Information: Valley Road Bridge Engineering Update** -- Wiederhoeft asked for an update. Barnes stated that the 30% plans had been submitted to WISDOT and the process was on schedule.
8. **Discussion Possible Action: Valley Road Speed Limit Adoption** -- Wiederhoeft stated that this had been a topic at the Valley Road Bridge open house. Barnes referenced the memo in the agenda for the speed limit adoption. Senseman asked why not make all town roads 45 miles per hour speed limit. Barnes stated that each road would need to be evaluated based on its individual features. Wiederhoeft stated that if approved, the action would go to the Town Board for ordinance adoption. Motion by Duerst to approve the speed limit adoption, second by Senseman, motion carried.
9. **Development Updates:** Nothing to Report
10. **Equipment Condition Update** – Judd stated that the 2014 Peterbilt was having the emissions system replaced.
11. **Schedule February 2022 Committee Meeting and Set Agenda** -- Next meeting will be February 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Barnes stated that sanitary sewer maintenance bids would be on the agenda.
12. **Adjourn** -- Motion by Duerst to adjourn, seconded by Senseman, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.

Approved: February 15, 2022

Prepared by: W. Christopher Barnes