

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday, September 13, 2022, 7:00 AM

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

Present: Mike Duerst - Chair, John Senseman, Russ Swiggum

Absent: Manfred Enburg

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

Public Present: Brent Lindell

1. **Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Approve Agenda** - Chair Duerst called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. Duerst asked for additions and approval of the agenda. Senseman moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Swiggum, motion carried. Duerst introduced the guest, Brent Lindell, 1883 Fawn Meadow Lane, as a potential new member of the committee.
2. **Action: Review Minutes of August 23, 2022** - The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Senseman moved to approve the August minutes as submitted, second by Swiggum, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action: Discontinuation of a Town Highway, Wesner Road** - Duerst asked Barnes to review the memo in the packet detailing the steps to abandon Town highways. Barnes stated that the western section of Wesner Road had been abandoned a few years ago, but the Town had kept the western portion of the road to the Lutheran church driveway. Duerst asked Barnes to contact Dane County regarding who would maintain this section of road if the Town were to abandon it entirely.
4. **Discussion: Procedures and Criteria for Installation of Sidewalks and Multi-use Trails:** Barnes referenced the memo in the packet regarding an inquiry for the installation of a sidewalk on Cross Country Road near the Reddan Soccer complex. Senseman asked if the sidewalk would be on the south or north side. Barnes replied it could be either. Swiggum mentioned that sidewalk existed on the north and south side of Cross Country at the soccer park entrance and on the north side at the Ice Age Trail. Duerst asked about the estimated cost for the sidewalk; Barnes replied it would be in the \$200,000 range. Discussion followed. Duerst asked Barnes to research other government agencies' criteria for sidewalks and funding methods.
5. **Discussion: Potential 2023 Road Improvement Program Candidates and Update of the 10-year Capital Improvement Program** - Barnes presented the list of candidates for 2023 which include: Maple Grove Drive, Range Trail, Whalen Road, Purcell Road, Bartlett Court, Beach Road, Borchert Road, and Red Stone Lane. Discussion followed. Barnes also mentioned that he has estimated \$25,000 as a local match for engineering on Fitchrona Road, Nesbitt to Lacy Road, shared with the City of Fitchburg. Swiggum asked about next steps. Barnes replied that if the committee agreed, the roads would be presented to the Town Board in the 2023 budget. Senseman added that the Finance Committee had received the same list and estimate of \$395,563.60. Duerst asked for the consensus of the committee, all were in agreement.

6. **Update: Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Interceptor Extension for Lower Badger Mill Creek** - Barnes stated that the engineering contract for the first phase of the design had been awarded to R.A. Smith Engineers, but no further action had been done.
7. **Information: Valley Road Bridge Engineering Update** - Barnes stated that the bridge was in for final review with WISDOT and was set for a fall letting, and that he expected an increase in cost due to inflation.
8. **Development Updates:**
 - a. Farm 6 – Joint Plan Commission meeting scheduled for October
 - b. Marty Farms Redevelopment -- None
9. **Equipment Condition Update** - Judd mentioned that he was continuing to mow and would be prepping for winter season.
10. **Schedule October Committee Meeting and Set Agenda Items** - The next meeting was set for October 18, 2022 at 7:00 AM, with a continued discussion of the sidewalk and Wesner Road abandonment.
11. **Adjourn** - Motion by Swiggum, second by Senseman to adjourn at 8:20 AM. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: November 15, 2022

Prepared By: W. Christopher Barnes