

## **Public Works Committee Minutes**

**Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - 6:30 PM**

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

**Present:** Phyllis Wiederhoeft - Chair, John Senseman, Russ Swiggum, Mike Duerst

**Absent:** Manfred Enburg

**Also Present:** Christopher Barnes, Public Works Director

**Public Present:** None

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 minutes. Duerst moved to accept the agenda, second by Senseman. Motion carried.
2. **Action: Review Minutes of November 16, 2021** -- The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Duerst called for a motion to approve the November minutes as submitted. Seconded by Senseman, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Information: 2022 Road Improvement Program** -- Wiederhoeft introduced the item and asked Barnes to give a progress update. Barnes stated that the preliminary survey and cost estimating had been done and based upon his cost estimate, not all of Sunset Drive, Grandview Road, and Rolling Oaks Lane could be completed. Barnes stated that it would make logical sense to split Sunset at Beach Road/Deer Haven Trail and plan on doing the westerly portion of the road. Wiederhoeft questioned why not split Grandview Road instead of Sunset. Barnes replied that Grandview Road was in a worse condition overall, and Grandview did not have an intermediate breaking point such as Beach Road. Duerst asked what the budget was in 2021 for road projects. Barnes replied that the 2021 budget was \$312,000, and that the adopted 2022 budget is \$349,900. Barnes stated the next step would be to have MSA engineers begin to prepare the bidding documents. No further discussion.
4. **Discussion and Information: 2021 Road Mileage Certification and PASER Ratings** -- Wiederhoeft asked Barnes to explain the certification process. Barnes explained that the State of Wisconsin requires each local road agency to rate its road conditions every two years. Barnes stated that the town roads had been rated by himself and Mark Judd, and the condition of each road was included in the agenda packet. Overall, road conditions had fallen slightly from 2019, but no trend could be made from that short of a timeframe. No further discussion.
5. **Discussion and Information: Fitchrona Road / Goose Lake Drainage Study Update** -- Barnes reviewed the completed storm water study done by AE2S for addressing flooding in Fitchrona Road and calculating water levels in Goose Lake. He stated that the preferred option to minimize the flooding condition would require a combination of new culverts exiting Goose Lake, some open channel ditching through Dane County parks area downstream of Goose Lake to Badger Mill Creek, and new storm drainage along Fitchrona Road near the US 151 underpass. The estimated cost for this work is approximately \$300,000. Senseman asked who was to pay this cost. Barnes stated that in his opinion, the project costs need to be shared amongst all of the government agencies in the upstream Goose Lake watershed. Duerst questioned Swiggum, as a

contractor, what he thought new culverts at Goose Lake would cost. Swiggum responded that it would depend greatly on the type and size of pipe needed as well as the length, but the \$300,000 estimate sounded reasonable. Barnes stated that both the Town and the City of Fitchburg were pursuing grant programs to bear some of the project cost and that there was no schedule for the recommended improvements. No further discussion

6. **Information: Valley Road Bridge Engineering Update** - Wiederhoeft asked for an update. Barnes stated that a public information meeting held December 14, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Approximately 10 people attended the meeting. The consultant had the current plans and cost estimate available at the meeting. The next step will be to submit the plans to WISDOT for preliminary review.
7. **Development Updates:**
  - a. **Twin Rock** -- No new developments; one house has started construction, and another is preparing for permits.
8. **Equipment Condition Update** – Nothing to report.
9. **Schedule January 2022 Committee Meeting and Set Agenda** -- Next meeting will be January 18, 2022 at 6:30 pm. Capital improvement projects for 2022 will be discussed.
10. **Adjourn** -- Motion by Swiggum to adjourn, seconded by Duerst, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Approved: January 18, 2022

Prepared by: W. Christopher Barnes