

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday, October 27, 2021, 7:00 AM

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

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

Absent: None

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

Public Present: None

1. **Call to Order/Additions to Agenda/Approve Agenda** - Chair Wiederhoeft called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. 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 September 28, 2021** - The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Wiederhoeft stated that Mona Kirsop, 2585 Tonto Trail, was also present. Swiggum called for a motion to approve the September minutes as revised. Second by Enburg, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action: New Commercial Driveway, Dane County Salt Garage, 4654 Maple Grove Road** - Wiederhoeft introduced the driveway permit and asked Barnes to summarize the staff recommendation. The new driveway will be used seasonally by Dane County Highway Department for the operation of snowplow trailers on US 18/151. Swiggum stated that the plow trailers were large enough that they could not use the existing driveway because of their large turning radius. Barnes explained that adequate sight distance was available on Maple Grove Road and the culvert had been sized for the ditch capacity. No further discussion. Wiederhoeft called for a motion. Duerst moved to approve the driveway second by Swiggum. Motion carried.
4. **Discussion: Brush and Yard Waste Disposal Options Update** - Wiederhoeft opened the discussion by stating that the Town Board has discussed the various brush options and that a budget had been placed in the 2022 town budget as a self-funding program. Wiederhoeft stated the program to be developed was preferred to provide service to all town residents. Discussion followed. Senseman questioned whether any program could address the issue of a tornado or wind storm and if the town would be picking up all debris from a storm. Barnes stated that in his opinion, Dane County would need to issue a state of emergency to trigger the town to collect tree and brush debris after a storm. No further discussion.
5. **Discussion: Draft 2022 Capital Improvement Program** - Wiederhoeft asked Barnes to discuss the proposed 2022 capital projects. Barnes stated that the proposed roads to be repaved/chip sealed in 2022 are: Grandview Road, Sunset Drive, and Rolling Oaks Lane. The estimated cost is \$408,000. The board reviewed this list and reduced the budget to approximately \$315,000 and requested that Barnes bid alternatives to the whole project in order to meet the budget.
6. **Information: Valley Road Bridge Engineering Update** - Wiederhoeft asked for an update. Barnes referred to the drawing in the committee agenda packet which showed the types and costs of various railing treatments. Barnes discussed the pros and cons of the three systems, Metal railing, concrete parapet, and a hybrid concrete and railing combination. The hybrid was estimated at the highest cost and the parapet at the lowest cost. Duerst asked Barnes for his

opinion. Barnes stated that since the new bridge would have a longitudinal slope, the concrete parapet would serve as a curb barrier and prevent water from spilling over the edge. Duerst stated that the existing bridge suffered for the water damage on the edge, and concrete parapet appeared the best answer. Enburg stated that the height of the parapet (42") may be able to be reduced to 32" due to the low volume of traffic. Discussion followed. The consensus of the committee was to recommend the concrete parapet design. Barnes stated that he would inform the consultant accordingly.

7. Development Updates:

- a. **Twin Rock Prairie Circle Development** - no new developments, one house has started construction.
- b. **Prairie Circle Extension Development** - Barnes stated that the development construction is complete.

8. **Equipment Condition Update** – Wiederhoeft referenced the memo in the packet regarding replacement of the loader tire and wheels and that Swiggum had contacted the vendor and secured a lower cost (\$13,322.18).

9. **Schedule October 2021 Committee Meeting and Set Agenda** - Wiederhoeft stated that in order to coordinate future meetings with the Town Board, the monthly Public Works Committee meeting would be held on the third Tuesday of the month and at 6:30pm. The next meeting will be November 16, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

10. **Adjourn** - Motion by Duerst to adjourn, seconded by Swiggum, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 am.

Approved: November 16, 2021

Prepared by: W. Christopher Barnes