

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday February 21, 2023 - 7:00 AM

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

Present: Mike Duerst - Chair, Manfred Enburg, Russ Swiggum, Brett Lindell

Absent: John Senseman

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

Public Present: None

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. Enburg moved to accept the agenda, seconded by Swiggum, motion carried.
2. **Action: Review Minutes of January 24, 2023** - The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Enburg moved to approve the January minutes as submitted, second by Lindell, motion carried.
3. **Discussion: Country View Road and County Highway PD Widening/Relocation** – Duerst asked Barnes to describe the latest plans and status. Barnes distributed a plan for the underground installation of a conduit bank for utilities. Barnes stated the City of Verona engineering consultants have prepared 65% complete plans for review by Dane County with the plan to have a permit in place by April. The plans have not changed much since last month. Barnes explained that a fiber optic line on Country View was going to be relocated because it is in conflict with the proposed Country View Road realignment. Discussion followed. Duerst asked about the value of the right of way to be abandoned and what would happen to the existing utilities on Country View Road. Barnes stated that an easement would need to be established for the utilities, or they would need to be relocated by the agency requesting the abandonment - in this case it would be Epic Corp.
4. **Discussion: 2023 Road Improvement Program Update** – Duerst asked if the Town of Montrose was on board to split the cost on Purcell. Barnes stated that he had spoken with Dan Palmer from the Town of Montrose and they were set to share the cost which is estimated to be about \$20,000. The plans are set for an advertisement on February 23 and bid opening on March 10, 2023 at 1:00 pm. Barnes stated that he would be obtaining quotes for signage, materials, and pavement striping from Dane County.
5. **Discussion: 2015 Ford Patrol Truck Replacement** -- Duerst asked about the condition of the existing Ford patrol truck. Judd mentioned that current truck is a 2015 F-550 with 60,000 miles. The rear gate required some welding this month and Swiggum mentioned that the welding was not uncommon. Barnes stated that he had scheduled that vehicle to be replaced in 2024, but the lead time for ordering is about 9 months. Swiggum mentioned that the Town of Springdale had a Ford F-550, but they did not like it and replaced it with a Dodge Ram which they are very happy with. Judd stated that Dodge does not make an extended cab like Ford does. Swiggum asked where we would get the truck, and Judd stated that the Town purchased in the past from Middleton Ford. Barnes handed out a quote from Madison Truck Equipment to install a new dump box/snow plow and other equipment. The total package price will be about \$130,000. Duerst asked about the balance in the equipment fund, and Barnes stated that he believed that the fund had about \$80,000 and that the 2015 truck should have a resale value of \$40,000. Lindell asked about the possibility of obtaining a quote from Costco for the vehicle specifications that we want. Lindell stated that he obtained a quote from Costco for his personal vehicle, and was price matched

by a local dealer at a cost savings of about \$2,000. Swiggum asked about Monroe Equipment Sales and asked about getting quote from them. Barnes stated that he would contact Monroe Equipment to see if they had a product that would be comparable. Duerst asked for and received consensus of the committee to allow the staff to start obtaining quotes on a new vehicle.

6. **Information: Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Projects Update** -- Barnes stated he had participated in an online public information meeting on the Station 17 force main replacement and Town portion of the sewer near Goose Lake. The final restoration plans are underway and the permitting process will begin shortly. Barnes had no update on the Badger Mill Interceptor project along Shady Oak Lane to Mid Town Road.
7. **Information: Town Brush Collection Update** – Duerst stated that the Town Board voted 3-2 to terminate the brush collection program but left it up to the staff to determine if the storage area can be opened after a major weather event for residents to drop off brush.
8. **Discussion: Mailbox Replacement Policy** -- Barnes presented the updated mailbox policy which better explains Town responsibility only if the snowplow physically hits and damages the mailbox. The weight of the snow damaging the mailbox or post is not a Town responsibility. Discussion followed. The consensus of the committee is the policy is acceptable.
9. **Development Updates:**
 - a) Marty Farms Redevelopment (Arden Glen) - Barnes had no new information. Barnes included in the packet a copy of the traffic impact analysis as requested by Senseman. Barnes stated that he had not had a chance to review the analysis, and Enburg questioned the assignment of 10% traffic to go north on Shady Oak Lane. Discussion followed. Enburg asked about the access for the property to the east of the Marty Farms development (Hexagon development). Barnes stated that since the southern section of Shady Oak Lane is now a City roadway, the City was planning some sort of relocation of Shady Oak Lane and a connection to the current Northern Lights Road traffic signal.
 - b) Dairy Ridge Heights – Barnes issued a permit for installation of fiber optic along Dairy Ridge and Spring Rose Road. Duerst asked if gas was available. Barnes stated that gas was installed several years ago when gas was extended to the Twin Rock development. Barnes did not know if any lots had been sold.
10. **Equipment Condition Update** – Judd stated that all equipment was in working order. Barnes stated that the old “Bad Boy” mower was out at Wisconsin Surplus for auction closing March 8th.
11. **Schedule March Committee Meeting and Set Agenda Items** -- The next meeting was set for March 21, 2023 at 7:00 AM with a review of the 2023 road project bids and truck update.
12. **Adjourn** - Motion by Swiggum, second by Enburg to adjourn at 8:15 AM. The meeting was adjourned.