

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday March 21, 2023 - 7:00 AM

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

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

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 7:02 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 February 21, 2023** - The minutes were reviewed by the committee. Swiggum moved to approve the February minutes as submitted, second by Enburg, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action: 2023 Road Improvement Program Bids:** Duerst introduced the road bids received. Duerst stated that he thought the low bid by Wolf Paving in the amount of \$298,459.55 was a good proposal. Barnes explained that the bid prices were very competitive. Swiggum mentioned that Wolf Paving is now owned by Rock Road Construction. Barnes explained that the as-bid project is approximately \$73,000 under budget and suggested adding paving Jeffy Trail and chip sealing Dairy Ridge Road to the project. Other options include Flint Lane and the south end of Range Trail. The consensus of the committee was to add Jeffy Tail and Dairy Ridge and request pricing from Wolf Paving for the work. Duerst asked about the status of Country View Road. Barnes discussed the closure of Country View Road for the current Epic building expansion. Lindell moved to recommend the amended road project to the Town Board for award. Second by Enburg, motion carried.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action: 2015 Ford Patrol Truck Replacement Recommendation:** Duerst opened discussion and reviewed the bids received for the truck. Duerst questioned why the equipment prices were slightly different. Judd stated that the dealers have different mark up on the requested options. Barnes stated that he had contacted Costco regarding truck vehicle purchase and found that Costco did not deal in commercial type vehicles. Barnes stated that the quote from Madison Truck was an estimate for the equipment, plow, and dump box necessary on the complete truck. Lindell asked about the resale of the 2015 truck. Barnes stated that it would go to the Wisconsin Auction, and Swiggum stated he thought it would bring in around \$40,000. Lindell moved to recommend the purchase of a 2023 Ford F-550 along with the necessary equipment from Madison Truck to the Town Board. Second by Swiggum, motion carried.
5. **Discussion and Possible Action: Driveway Permit Lot 2 CSM 14812 County Highway M:** Duerst introduced the item and asked Barnes to explain. Barnes stated that the existing driveway on County Highway M will be used, but an extension of the driveway will be needed for the new home. The fire department reviewed the application and approved the new driveway with a turn around and an additional fire number. Motion by Swiggum to approve the driveway, second by Enburg, motion carried.
6. **Discussion and Possible Action: Driveway Permit Grandview Partners/MMSD Grandview Road:** Duerst opened the discussion for the construction of a field access and farm road. Barnes stated that the

driveway would be built for the construction of the new Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District force main, and the driveway would remain for the property owner, Grandview Partners. Barnes stated that the Fire Department is fine with the plan. Barnes explained that the proposed driveway is adjacent to an existing field access to the west of the proposed driveway. Barnes suggested that two driveways be combined into one field access point. The existing driveway on the property to the west is quite small and does not have a culvert. Enburg asked if the new field road would be gravel and if it would be gated. Barnes replied the farm road would be gravel. Enburg was concerned about the open access to the property. Duerst suggested that the driveway be gated if any issues arise with trespassing. Enburg made a motion to approve the driveway subject to providing a design to show a shared access with the field access to the west. Second by Swiggum, motion carried.

7. Discussion and Possible Action: Recycling and Trash Cart Replacement Recommendation:

Barnes explained that the Town inventory of roll off carts is approximately 6 trash and 13 recycle carts. Barnes stated that the options for cart replacement could have the vendor, Pellitteri, supply new carts, or the Town could continue to purchase carts and sell them directly to residents. Swiggum asked if Pellitteri would leave carts in the town if they supplied carts and were not awarded a new collection contract. Discussion followed. The proposal submitted is for 180 total carts. Barnes stated the town was selling about 20 trash carts and 10 recycling carts a year. Enburg stated that he was in favor of using the same cart vendor so the carts matched and the replacement parts were compatible. Discussion followed. Swiggum asked about the lifespan of the carts. Judd stated that some carts are still in service from the original cart purchase in 2008. Barnes stated that the Town staff has tried to reuse used carts for residents, but once the carts are damaged, the customers must purchase new carts at \$75.00 each. Enburg moved to recommend purchase of 180 carts, second by Lindell, motion carried.

8. Discussion: Solar Panel Acquisition and Installation on Town Property:

Duerst stated that a meeting was scheduled for 7:00 PM on March 21, 2023 at the Town Community Room sponsored by the Natural and Recreation Areas committee (NRAC) to discuss environmental and energy-saving issues. Duerst stated that there was some interest in placing solar panels on the Public Works garage building. Duerst asked for a recommendation from the committee considering panel installation. Barnes suggested that ground solar units may be a better option considering the roof orientation. Enburg had questions about solar panels for lifespan, clearing, and durability. Discussion followed. Lindell discussed several options he was aware of for financing and payback. Enburg suggested that it would be better to wait and see what new technology might be available and that the Town had not established any funds to pay for solar panels. Enburg recommended that the Town Board look at other methods and sources to reduce energy consumption by the Town.

9. Information: Madison Metropolitan Sewerage District Projects Update:

Barnes stated that the Pump Station 17 and Relief Sewer project was nearing the final design and that the wetlands permitting was underway. MMSD and the Town were finalizing an agreement for combined work on the Town sewer system. Barnes stated that about 600 feet of the Town sewer can be eliminated and redirected to the new MMSD line. Barnes did not have an update on the lower Badger Mill Sanitary Sewer Extension project to Mid-Town Road.

10. Discussion: Country View Road and County Highway PD widening/relocation:

Barnes stated that he expected construction to begin in early April on the road project from Country View to Shady Oak Lane. Currently, work is underway on the south side of County Highway PD to install underground fiber, electric, and telecom utility conduits. The depth of rock requires substantial blasting. Barnes expected that the utilities would cross Country View Road the weekend of March 25. The final plans have been approved by

Dane County Highway Department. Barnes expected that the County View Road relocation would come to the committee in April for consideration.

11. Development Updates:

- a. Marty Farms Redevelopment (Arden Glen) - no update
- b. Dairy Ridge Heights - no update

12. Equipment Condition Update

- a. Mower: Barnes stated that the mower sold at auction for \$3,450.00
- b. Trailer: Judd stated that he was interested in selling the current trailer as it had not been used in at least 5 years and takes up usable space in the cold storage. Swiggum stated that he would look at the trailer for value and he might know a potential buyer.

13. Schedule next Committee Meeting and set agenda items: The April meeting was set for April 25 at 7:00 AM.

14. Adjourn - Motion by Swiggum, second by Enburg to adjourn at 8:20 AM. The meeting was adjourned.

Approved: April 25, 2023

Prepared By: W. Christopher Barnes