

Public Works Committee Minutes

Tuesday, June 29, 2021, 7:00 A.M.

Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD

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

Absent: None

Also Present: Christopher Barnes, Public Works Director; Mark Judd, Road Patrolman, David Lonsdorf, Board Supervisor

Public Present: None

1. **Call to Order/Approve Agenda** - Chair Wiederhoeft called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. Senseman moved to accept the agenda, second by Enburg. Motion carried.
2. **Review Minutes of May 25, 2021** - The minutes were reviewed by the committee. There was no April committee meeting. Duerst called for a motion to approve the May minutes as submitted. Motion by Duerst, second by Senseman, motion carried.
3. **Discussion and Possible Action: Town Road Speed Limit Inventory and Study Candidates** - Wiederhoeft asked Barnes to discuss the enclosed speed limit summary as included in Chapter 5 of the Town Ordinances. Barnes explained that several roads were posted at speeds that were not adopted by ordinance, and several roads, namely Fitchrona Road, appeared to have speed limits that were no longer reasonable. Swiggum mentioned he believed that the posted speed on Fitchrona Road was too high for the conditions. Enburg explained the concept of prima facie, meaning *face value* or due care. Barnes referred to the Wisconsin statute definition: *No person may drive a vehicle at a speed greater than is reasonable and prudent under the conditions and having regard for the actual and potential hazards then existing.* Senseman questioned the speed limit on Shady Oak Lane and noted that it was posted at 40 miles per hour. Barnes indicated that he would verify. Wiederhoeft asked that Barnes report back with the collected data from Fitchrona Road.
4. **Discussion and Possible Action: Town Road Parking Restriction Candidates** - Wiederhoeft opened the discussion with an explanation the parking situation that occurs along Sunset Road in the vicinity of 6450 Sunset Road when guests/visitors park along Sunset Drive. The area is located near several hills and has limited sight distance. Duerst asked how often the roadside parking occurs. Wiederhoeft stated that it appears to occur when large parties are held. Senseman questioned if there were areas off the road that could be used for parking. Wiederhoeft responded that it appeared to be so. Enburg mentioned that there are few parking restrictions on town roads, and Duerst stated that there may be some provisions for parking on road pavement. Barnes stated that establishing parking restrictions can be rather contentious, and the committee cannot appear to be singling out specific properties or persons for restrictions. Barnes further offered to write a letter to the property on Sunset Drive as a warning letter about parking along the roadside. Wiederhoeft stated that she would submit some photos of the parking for Barnes to use.
5. **Information and Discussion: Marty Farms Development Proposal** - Wiederhoeft asked Senseman about the agenda item and to explain his intent for the committee discussion. Senseman stated that he was concerned about the impact of the proposed development on the town resources. Senseman further stated that the proposed 400 housing units would put a strain on the Shady Oak Lane road and pavement. Enburg stated that after his review of the proposed development it was his opinion that the road system did not appear to be fully

planned out, and that little effort had been made to plan for future traffic patterns with other adjacent properties. Duerst stated it appeared that the development was very similar to the Cathedral Point development along Range Trail just south of County Highway M. Wiederhoeft asked that the committee summarize their concerns regarding the proposed project and submit them to the board. Barnes stated that he would compile for the next meeting

6. **Discussion: Brush, Yard Waste Disposal Update** - Wiederhoeft asked Barnes about any progress made, and he indicated there were no updates.
7. **Discussion: Valley Road Bridge Engineering Update** - Barnes stated that the contract with State of Wisconsin and Ayres Associations had been executed and that survey and soil boring would be forthcoming this summer.
8. **Information: 2021 Road Project Update** - Wiederhoeft asked Barnes for the road project status. Barnes stated that the project had been completed with the exception of the pavement striping by Dane County Highway Department. Two other roads, Maple Grove Road and Nesbitt Road, would be restriped this summer as well.
9. **Development Updates:**
 - a. **Twin Rock Prairie Circle Development** - Barnes stated that the first course of asphalt and shoulder work were complete, that the inspection for substantial completion had taken place on June 24, 2021, and there were no outstanding items for completion. The remaining work in 2022 will be paving the surface course layer and install the final aggregate shouldering.
 - b. **Prairie Circle Development** - Barnes stated that there were no new developments. The developer was working with the postal service to get the mailbox system installed. There is not yet a schedule to install the final surface course this year.
10. **Equipment Condition Update** - Judd stated that the new plow truck will be delivered on June 30, 2021. Mowing equipment was receiving typical service for the summer season.
11. **Schedule July 2021 Committee Meeting and Set Agenda** - The July meeting was set for Tuesday the 27th at 7:00 A.M. Wiederhoeft asked that there be special precautions for any in-person meetings. Senseman asked to have a general discussion item added to the agenda.
12. **Adjourn** - Wiederhoeft called for adjournment, motion by Duerst, second by Swiggum. Motion carried. Adjourned at 8:19 A.M.

Approved: July 27, 2021

Prepared by: W. Christopher Barnes