

Town of Verona
Public Works Committee Minutes
Town of Verona Hall, 7669 County Highway PD, Verona, WI
6/27/2019

Present: Manfred Enburg, John Senseman, and Mike Duerst

Absent: Russ Swiggum and Kirk Trainor

Also Present: Christopher Barnes: Public Works Project Manager, and Mark Judd: Road Patrolman

Public Present: None

Call to Order/Approve Agenda – Chair Enburg called the meeting to order at 7:00 AM. Senseman moved to approve the agenda; 2nd by Duerst. Motion carried.

Approval of May Minutes – Duerst moved to approve the minutes from May 28, 2019; 2nd Senseman. Motion carried.

Discussion with Possible Action Regarding a Driveway Permit Application for 7214 CTH PD – Enburg opened the discussion about the potential for a new driveway on the east side of Woods Road near the Town line. Barnes explained that the driveway would serve a new single family home and that the existing home on the property would be removed. The location had been reviewed and found to have adequate sight distance and separation from the existing driveway on Woods Road. Discussion followed regarding the closure of the existing driveway on CTH PD. Barnes explained that the intent of the owner was to leave the driveway on PD in place, but install a chained access closure. Senseman offered that that the existing driveway presented a liability and should be closed. Duerst moved to recommend the driveway be approved with the condition that the old driveway is completely removed for the right of way on CTH PD and the ditch is restored; 2nd Senseman. Motion carried 3-0.

Updates:

Twin Rock Development, Spring Rose Road – Barnes stated that the Concept Plan was approved by the Town Board on May 7th, 2019 and the Concept Plan and re-zoning approved by the Dane County Plan Commission May 28, 2019. Dane County Zoning and Land Regulation Committee approved the development June 11, 2019, but will review the decision based upon the Dane County Highway Department recommendation for improvements to Highway G. Enburg stated that he thought the provision of widening CTH G may be enough to delay the project.

Prairie Circle extension – Barnes stated that the Dane County rezoning had been approved on June 6, 2019 and final plan preparation was underway.

Public Works Committee appointments – Enburg stated that the Town Chair, Mark Geller, had reappointed 3 residents as members of the committee; Senseman, Trainor, and Swiggum. The Town Board appointees continue as Enburg (Chair) and Duerst.

2020 Bridge repair funding applications- Barnes explained that applications had been made to Dane County for reimbursement for two repairs on Purcell Road bridge structures and that an application had been made for repairs to the Valley Road Bridge. Barnes did not know when the town would hear back about the Valley Road Bridge application.

2019 Road Maintenance Project Schedule – Enburg stated that the chip seal contractor, Fahrner Asphalt, had planned to start July 1, 2019, but didn't believe that they could finish by July 4, 2019. Instead of partially completing the work, Fahrner chose to delay the start. Chip sealing would likely begin around July 29th to avoid a conflict with the Dane County Boys and Girls Club bicycle ride. Barnes stated that Cross Country Road pavement repairs would be done July 9th and road pavement striping on Fitchrona Road and Woods Road would be completed by July 15th.

Fitchrona/Nesbitt Road roundabout construction – Barnes stated that the new roundabout construction would begin July 8th and Fitchrona Road and Nesbitt Roads would be closed to all traffic

for the duration of the project. Duerst questioned if the detour traffic would be using Whalen Road and Grandview Road. Barnes stated that the official detour route was Lacy Road to Seminole Highway to McKee Road to Maple Grove Road, and it would be hard to tell if drivers were going to seek other routes until the construction had settled in for a week or so.

Goose Lake watershed area investigation: rising water levels – Barnes stated that he had a meeting with Madison Metropolitan Sewer District (MMSD), Capital Area Regional Planning Commission (CARPC), and the City of Fitchburg staff to visit the Goose Lake drainage area. The consensus of the attendees was that the rising water levels in the Goose Lake area impact all of the parties and that there was a common need to develop a method of regulating the water levels.

Equipment condition update – Duerst questioned why this item was on the agenda. Barnes stated that it was just to keep the committee apprised of any major equipment repair bills, or other issues, with major equipment or rolling stock. There were no major repairs scheduled at this time.

New Subdivision streets and Town private road policy discussion – Enburg stated that he was concerned about the cost of maintaining proposed new Town housing developments. Senseman stated that he was concerned about the expenditure of maintenance funds on new roads when the existing road network was in poor condition. Enburg requested that Barnes put together costs and service levels to maintain Town rights-of-way to include items such as mowing, snowplowing, crack filling, street sweeping, etc. Barnes stated that he would work on the costs to perform such tasks and confer with other public works managers in the area for input.

Schedule July 2019 Meeting and Set Agenda – The next meeting of the Committee was set for July 30th at 7:00 am. Enburg asked that the agenda include a discussion of the following:

Cost of Services for maintaining Town Rights-of-Way

Approximate assessments costs on Country View Road to provide for a new pavement surface

Schedule August 2019 Meeting and Set Agenda

Adjourn – Duerst moved to adjourn; 2nd Senseman. Motion carried at 8:50 AM.

Approved: July 30, 2019

Prepared by: Christopher Barnes w/J. Wright review