

**PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 21st, 2017 6:30 p.m., Park View Room**

1. Roll call.

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Mr. Kressin

Present: Mr. Haas, Mr. Casperson, Mr. Harley and Mr. Coons.

Absent: Mr. Domaszek, Mr. Jacobsen

Also Present: Mr. De Angelis, Mr. Paul Jr, Mary Inden, and Stew Elliott (Ace Hardware)

2. Review and act on Minutes from December 12th, 2016

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Harley seconded to approve the December 12th, 2016 minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Review and discuss additional materials for Wisconsin Avenue Extension

Mr. De Angelis introduced Mike Payant from Ayres and Associates to the committee to present the latest version of a conceptual bypass plan for Watertown Plank Rd/Pilgrim Road intersection that routes the main flow of traffic from Verdant Dr. to the north end of the Ace Hardware parking lot. This would be the conceptual plan for Option 5 that was discussed at the last meeting.

Following the presentation, the committee discussed the merits of the two options and suggested an alternative to bring the intersection of Verdant Dr. a little further to the north, as well as to look at minimizing ROW impacts on the back lot of the house along Verdant Dr. Mr. Kressin added that this could be accomplished by adding a concrete sidewalk with curb and gutter vs. the gravel shoulder and ditch that was shown. Mr. Kressin confirmed with Mr. Paul that this would assist with maintenance and snow plowing operations.

Stew Elliott of Ace Hardware felt there was some feasibility with the options that were laid out and does not want to take the risk of not working towards a solution with fear of having his business access reduced or eliminated. He felt with the revised plan there was a much greater opportunity to recapture any parking that was being eliminated by the addition of the roadway.

Mary Inden added that she still did not see the benefit of this project in respect to the Village and that it will only benefit Brookfield and their developments. Mr. Kressin and Mr. De Angelis explained that the this process and planning is to allow the Village to avoid the possibility of being completely shut off at the WTPLK Rd/Pilgrim Rd intersection and to work with Brookfield and the DOT to gain funding opportunities that would not be present if there was no action. Mary Inden also asked if there was any research into when this discussion of cutting off access by the DOT occurred. Mr. De Angelis explained that he found the minutes on this discussion and will post this to the website for reference.

The committee agreed that the next open house would be best if it was held in late March of 2017 with the updated Option 5 including the edits discussed. They indicated they would like to review the materials prior to the open house which including the additional information regarding the cost estimate for this alternative and others as well as the updated design for option 5.

4. Update on Watertown Plank Rd Bridge Replacement

Mr. Paul updated the committee explaining that currently Village Staff, Ruekert-Mielke and Hector de la Mora have met with Concrete Structures, Inc. and is continuing discussions on final payments based upon the Liquidated Damages accrued in regards to the completion of the bridge schedule. As it stands the Liquidated Damages are ranging from \$40,000 to \$65,000. Village Staff is continuing discussion with the contractor.

4. Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul informed the committee that aside from the ice storms that occurred during the end of January/early February, the DPW is in good shape with salt reserves. Additionally, since there has been little snow and frost in the ground, the DPW has been working with Forestry in many ROW Ash removals that have been hit with EAB.

6. Other business

None.

7. Adjourn.

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Harley seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director