

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, November 16th, 2015 6:30 p.m., Park View Room

1. Roll call.

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

Present: Mr. Kressin, Mr. Haas, Mr. Domaszek and Mr. Casperson,

Absent: Mr. Coons, Mr. Harley and Mr. Jacobsen

Also Present: President Palmer, Mr. De Angelis, Mr. Paul Jr., Mr. Griffiths, Stu Elliot, Ron and Mary Inden, Tom Grisa, Jeff Chase, and Wayne Higgins

2. Review and act on Minutes from October 19th, 2015

Mr. Haas moved and Mr. Domaszek seconded to approve the October 19th, 2015 minutes. Motion carried 4-0.

3. Update on the Watertown Plank Road Bridge

Mr. De Angelis informed the committee that the bid documents will be published the week of Thanksgiving with the opening scheduled for December 17th. We are doing the final QC of the documents now so there should be no issues with meeting this schedule. Mr. De Angelis explained that the bid opening will be after state bids had been let in hope that contractors that did not receive projects through the state may go after this project with more aggressive bidding numbers.

Mr. Kressin asked that he receive a copy of the revised drawings once they are received. Mr. De Angelis said he would send them out to all committee members.

4. Update on Underwood Creek Interceptor

Mr. De Angelis explained the bid for the work will be awarded at the next Brookfield Common Council meeting (Tuesday, November 17th, 2015). The bid came in at almost \$750K less than the estimated \$3,000,000. No one bid on the alternate of pipe bursting. The low bidder was Advanced out of Green Bay at \$2,256,355.

5. Update on Wisconsin Ave

Mr. De Angelis introduced City of Brookfield representatives, Public Works Director, Tom Grisa and City Engineer, Jeff Chase whom presented their case for the benefits of extending Wisconsin Ave to Pilgrim Parkway for the both the City and the Village. Also present were Village President Neil Palmer, TES Engineer Wayne Higgins, Ace Hardware owner Stu Elliot and Mary Inden. Based on traffic studies and the impact on local roads, the City of Brookfield feels there would be approximately 7,000 cars diverted onto Wisconsin Ave that would help alleviate the safety and accessibility impacts that Bluemound Rd currently holds. Design and impact of traffic were presented with further discussion on best options. Mr. Palmer indicated as referenced in the reports as well as observing in real time that the intersection fails in its current condition and that the future will only be worsened, to which Mr. Kressin promptly agreed. Mr. De Angelis added that should action not be taken by the local municipalities and it became a more severe hazard or there were bad accidents, eventually the DOT would step in and take control of the intersection.

Two possible designs that would work would be either a roundabout or signaled intersection at the northern driveway of Ace Hardware. Coupled with the elimination of the signal at Watertown Plank Road which would leave right turn in and right turn out only at both Watertown Plank Rd as well as the bank, optimum traffic flow could be achieved and avoid backing traffic up into Bluemound Rd.

Mary Inden felt that the problem in the large scope of the study was caused by Brookfield's development and that she didn't feel Elm Grove should be negatively affected by the proposed change. Stu Elliot felt that the intersection would and could be helpful with movement of traffic but was concerned about continued access at Watertown Plank Road. Mr. Elliot also felt the elimination of traffic from the west at North Shore bank would add additional relief at the Watertown Plank Rd. intersection.

During the discussion, Mr. Higgins explained his review on the impact on the intersections and other local roads including the traffic condition at Terrace Dr and Bluemound Road, which could be improved if the DOT adjusted the median to try and eliminate the conflict between traffic making U-turns in the median at Bluemound Rd and motorists making right turns out of Terrace Dr. to head west. Mr. Higgins also suggested

that the both the Village of Elm Grove and City of Brookfield submit a joint request to ask the DOT to modify the median at Terrace Dr. and Bluemound Rd.

Mr. Kressin wanted to be certain that the changes would consider accommodations to pedestrian traffic and look at improving the accessibility for pedestrians as well as the U-turn hazards at Terrace and Bluemound Rd.

The Committee thanked the representatives of Brookfield and indicated that discussion would continue on their request.

6. Update on Berkshire Pathway

Mr. De Angelis informed the committee that the Elmbrook Schools Finance committee approved the funding of the project and that the final vote will be before the School Board on Tuesday, November 17th, 2015. Mr. Paul added that the pathway is ready for construction with the recent relocation of a guy wire by We Energies, the replacement of the cross culvert by the Village DPW and that the stump removal would occur on Wednesday of this week.

Mr. Paul informed the committee that Payne and Dolan has the project scheduled for work at the end of the week of November 16th, 2015, weather permitting if not they would guarantee their price into next year for construction.

Mr. Kressin asked that we check with Payne and Dolan to ensure they would honor a full warranty on the project being as though it was this late in the year. Mr. Paul will be in contact with Payne and Dolan on Tuesday and will confirm.

7. Review and provide recommendation on a license agreement between the Village of Elm Grove and Crimson Way Church

Mr. Griffiths explained to the committee that the Crimson Way Church, located in the former St. Edmunds Episcopal Church at 14625 Watertown Plank Road, is in the process of applying for new signage. Two signs are proposed, one along Watertown Plank Road, the other along Wisconsin Avenue. The proposed signage is to be in the same location as the previous St. Edmunds signage. In 2003, the Village entered into a license agreement with St. Edmunds for the use of the right of way along Wisconsin Avenue. The agreement was to allow for signage and the use of a portion of the parking lot that extends into the Wisconsin Avenue right of way. The proposed new license agreement with Crimson Way Church for Wisconsin Avenue would essentially be the same as the one the Village previously entered into with St. Edmunds. Staff also determined that a portion of the Watertown Plank Road monument sign was located in the right of way. The church would like to utilize the base of the old St. Edmunds sign and as such would also need a new license agreement to allow for right of way use. Under Village Code any signage that is proposed to be placed in the right of way is required to obtain approval by the Village Board.

Mr. Kressin expressed his concern about an internally lit sign that would reflect a more commercial district in the middle of a residential neighborhood. Mr. Domaszek did not think it was appropriate but felt since the Building Board would have to review it that it would be addressed at that time. Mr. Haas was concerned with the glare of the lighting that was in place when the last church was in operation. Mr. Domaszek indicated he would take the committees concerns to the Building Board when the request came forward.

Mr. Haas made a motion to recommend approval of the licensing with further review by the building board. Mr. Domaszek seconded. Carried 4-0

8. Update on Public Works Projects

No updates at this time.

9. Other business

Mr. De Angelis discussed the letter that was addressed to him from Britt Mason whom is asking the Village to make a formal request to SEWERPC to reevaluate/update the study of the Stormwater Management Plan in response to the redevelopment of the street corridor along North Ave that is moving forward under Waukesha County. Mr. De Angelis and Mr. Kressin did confirm that any new projects, development and/or reconstruction that takes place still needs to meet standards governed by MMSD Chapter 13 and state DNR guidelines so there really cannot be any negative impact to adjacent properties or watersheds. Mr. De

Angelis said he would contact SEWERPC to see to discuss the value in moving forward with the reevaluation and request additional information from the design team for North Avenue on the requirements for the project. He will then get back to Mr. Mason with an answer.

10. Adjourn.

Mr. Domaszek moved and Mr. Casperson seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director