

PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (PWUC) COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
Monday, December 12th, 2016 6:30 p.m., Park View Room

1. Roll call.

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

Present: Mr. Haas, Mr. Domaszek, Mr. Jacobsen, Mr. Harley and Mr. Coons.

Absent: Mr. Kressin, Mr. Casperson

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

2. Review and act on Minutes from November 9th, 2016

Mr. Domaszek moved and Mr. Jacobsen seconded to approve the November 9th, 2016 minutes as written. Motion carried 5-0.

3. Discussion and Possible Recommendation on process for Wisconsin Avenue Extension

Mr. De Angelis explained that he had communication with Mr. Kressin whom was unable to attend this evening relaying that Mr. Kressin felt it would be advantageous to hold another open house with the same information in order to continue getting the word out about the options available. Mr. De Angelis explained that the goal of this meeting is to determine direction and process for the next meeting and whether or not anything could be eliminated or expanded upon to simplify the discussion.

After every committee member weighed in on their opinion while discussing the pros and cons, the committee decided that it would be advantageous to leave all options on the table for the next open house to show that alternatives were considered, but asked to add more detail to the last option of the bypass to better communicate the challenges and benefits.

Mary Inden interjected that she felt this proposal from the City of Brookfield provided no benefit to the Village of Elm Grove and that the Village should send out notification to all residents in the Village again to be certain they receive the information in a timely manner so they may attend and join in on the discussions. Stew Elliott understands the impact that the DOT could impose on closing off the access at Watertown Plank Rd and Pilgrim and how that would negatively impact his business, but appreciated the fact that the Village was looking at the possibility of exercising options if feasible to get ahead of a potentially greater negative and cost to the Village. Mr. De Angelis explained that the advantage to considering this extension to the Village is to minimize the risk of having to come up with a solution for access and funding at a later date, which currently could be funded by both the City of Brookfield and the DOT. Mr. Domaszek explained in a conversation he had with Mr. Kressin, that the possibility of the DOT closing off the intersection at Pilgrim Rd and Watertown Plank is not a matter of "if", but more a matter of "when". Mr. Coons wanted to be certain that the public still understands there is an option to take no action and move forward as usual. Mr. Haas reminded the committee that the DOT did attempt to eliminate the signal in 2011 when Bluemound Rd was being reconstructed. Mr. Domaszek explained he was not in favor of a roundabout intersection.

The committee agreed that the next open house would be best if it was held in late January of 2017 or early February.

4. Update on Public Works Projects

Mr. Paul informed the committee that they were still finishing up with some punch list items relative to the bridge project, but were making headway. Mr. De Angelis explained that discussions are still in progress in regards to the penalties the contractor must pay due to running late on the project.

6. Other business

None.

7. Adjourn.

Mr. Coons moved and Mr. Domaszek seconded to adjourn. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Richard Paul, Jr.
Public Works Director