

:Public Work's Committee Meeting
Thursday, March 5, 2009
7:00 a.m., Allouez Village Hall

Present: Gast, Green, Zeller, Berndt, Foxworthy (Gast excused at 8:05 a.m.)

Modify/adopt agenda: Green moved, Berndt seconded, motion carried to adopt agenda as modified – move 6 after 7. All ayes.

Approval of minutes: Zeller moved, Berndt seconded, motion carried to approve the minutes dated 2-5-09. All ayes.

Engineering services procurement: Will takes some time to assemble and draft a policy. Should this be for all departments and not just for engineering services? Zeller brought a sample of Brown County's purchasing policy re: requests for proposals which will be distributed to committee members and discussed at a future meeting.

Riverside Drive project engineering plan review: Per Berndt the property owners from which the village needs to acquire about 3 feet of right-of-way on Riverside Drive have verbally agreed to do so, and 10 of 12 have signed the preliminary agreement. Deeds need to be drafted for property transfer. They are donating the land and the village is making them whole as far as fencing and landscaping. Strand Engineers evaluated the proposed pedestrian crossing and recommended it be on the south side of Arrowhead Drive and Riverside Drive intersection. That section offers the most direct route for pedestrians to access Sunset Park from the east, and provides the most suitable intersection configuration for a cross walk.

There was a lot of discussion among committee members as to the location of the crossing. Bill Sweasy, 1614 Irwin Street was present and stated that Bob Schuurmans from the DOT favored a "mid-block" crossing instead of at an intersection because it would be safer. Also it would be less expensive than having to remove the median on Arrowhead Drive and having to move utilities. Berndt said Strand spoke with the State DOT re: intersection vs mid-block.

Green asked that this information be shared with the Allouez Walks and Bikes public meeting next Monday. The report from Strand is also to be provided to the rest of the village board members.

Bill Sweasy also spoke re: residents having to clear snow/ice from sidewalks abutting their properties. Budget is what is driving the issue, not clearing sidewalks. What part of the budget is union expense? "Crack that nut" but don't shift the tax burden unfairly to just the residents who have sidewalks.

Storm water management annual report: Committee was provided with the annual report to be submitted to the DNR by March 31st. It is intended to show that we are making progress on implementing the storm water management plan. Berndt must certify that the

governing body or delegated representatives have reviewed or been apprised of the contents of the annual report. They do not have to formally approve it. The report will be brought to village board on March 17th for their review. Green expressed frustration that we have not yet moved forward with parking controls for street sweeping and others methods by which we could earn credit for storm water management. Foxworthy suggested that if this committee recommended that the village board approve the February 11, 2009 storm water meeting recommendations we could get going on some of these items.

Recommendation to board: Foxworthy moved, Zeller seconded and the motion carried to recommend that the village board adopt the six storm water meeting recommendations dated February 11, 2009 attached to these minutes. All ayes.

Storm water group membership: Committee reviewed the letter from the League of Wis. Municipalities re: creation of a local government storm water group inviting us to join the group for an initial membership fee of \$200. Berndt felt the league is late in getting involved in these regulations but there may be benefits in possibly extending deadlines for compliance and emphasizing the need for grants. Committee felt we should send in the \$200. Any further expense and weighing of the benefit to Allouez would have to be considered by the board.

LeBrun Street discussions with DePere on constructing remaining street in 2010: De Pere contacted Berndt and they met to discuss the steps required to design and construct the closed section of LeBrun Road from McCastlen to East River Drive. A request for opening the street by the owner/developer on the south side of that section is anticipated and a deadline of June 1st will be given to the developer by DePere if this is to be a 2010 project.

Committee discussed what the benefit and cost would be to Allouez. It would not benefit the property owners on McCastlen whose backyards abut the closed section. It would be a route for our trucks to get to our site at the east end of LeBrun. Can we donate our half of LeBrun Road that we own to DePere? Will wait to see if developer makes a request for the opening and improvement of the closed section and then discuss at that time. .

Adjournment: Foxworthy moved, Berndt seconded, motion carried to adjourn at 8:15 a.m. All ayes. (Gast not present for vote)

Minutes provided by Sue Foxworthy