

MINUTES OF TOWN OF PACIFIC SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, July 20, 2022 5:30 PM Held at the Pacific Town Hall

Call to Order: The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Devine at 5:30 p.m.

Roll Call: Chairman William Devine, Supervisors Cawley, Julie Kayartz, Byron Kershaw, and Steven Pate were present.

Others Present: Clerk Gustafson, Town Attorney John Miller, Town Engineer Robert Roth were also present. Other attendees were asked to sign in and those sign in sheets are on file.

Verification of Public Notice: Clerk verified the meeting invitation was mailed on May 11th and the official meeting notice was posted on July 14th.

Town Agenda: Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to approve the agenda as posted. All in favor by call of roll.

Lakeside Park Public Information Meeting: Town Chair Devine, Town Engineer Roth, Town Attorney Miller, and the Town Supervisors introduced themselves. Town Engineer Roth gave a brief history of the project progress made thus far. He spoke about the survey, encroachments, road standards, turning maneuverability of emergency vehicles, and drainage. Fire Chief Haase addressed the public regarding current access problems as well as NFPA requirements. He discussed vertical clearance, turning radius, and road width as being a concern in the area. Steve Kohlhagen of Alliant Energy spoke about the many outages that occur in the area due to powerlines being taken down by falling trees and/or tree limbs during every storm. He explained that there is an increased need for power in the area due to the bigger homes that were built. He explained that Alliant Energy is looking to bury electric lines in the area during the proposed road project for more reliability of power. Brandon Storm of Charter/Spectrum stated that Charter is considering a fiber optic installation in the area in coordination with this project.

Town Engineer briefly discussed alternatives such as the “Do Nothing” option – all issues would remain unresolved and most likely worsen. He mentioned the options of improving to full standard or improving with drainage facilities only. His recommendation is to choose the option to improve to a modified, variable standard. This would provide a clear delineated and safer pavement boundary for moving vehicles, it addresses substandard roadway conditions, improves drainage to individual parcels, minimizes roadway drainage impacts to private property, minimizes private property drainage impacts to public ways, provides compliance with engineering and safety standards, provides better constructability and maintenance, and improves property values.

Town Attorney Miller discussed that many of the properties within Lakeside Park would be affected in some form and the most notable impacts are where additional right-of-way is needed for road, vision triangle or drainage purposes. He explained the right-of-way acquisition process through Eminent Domain. The process of which is set forth in Wisconsin State Statutes Chapter 32.

Town Engineer Roth discussed funding for the project could include town participation, utility participation, agency participation/grants, and assessments to the property owners, which are commonly administered by municipalities with projects like this.

At 6:26 p.m. the floor opened up to those who signed up to speak and/or ask questions. Dorothy Rebholz, Gary Kuhl, Ann Burton, Bill O’Connor, Ginny Gallagher, Nancy Beasley, Dan Greco, Bruce Kleespie, Bill Tierney, and Nan Rebholz all addressed the Town Board, asked questions, and made statements. It was the general consensus that water run-off needs to be better managed and is causing damage to properties, First Street is in terrible shape, Second Street and Second Lane signs are confusing, and there is general concern over the costs needing to be finalized so the

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property owners get an estimate of what it will cost in assessments before they offer their final opinions and comments.

Chair Devine explained that the Town Board must make a final decision on the project and the design to commit to before any numbers can be finalized. He explained that the likelihood of special assessments to property owners is a very real probability. It was further explained that the method of assessment can be calculated different ways. The Preliminary Project Report provided by Roth Professional Solutions that was available on the Town's website gave more details on the assessment procedure on page 12, section 5.5. The Town would follow the municipal assessment process as outlined in Wis. Stats. 66.0703.

Supervisor Cawley stated that stormwater run-off was not an issue until larger homes with larger roofs were built in the area. He feels that if everyone works together and all parties cooperate, it will save on property acquisition costs.

Adjourn: Motion by Kayartz/Cawley to adjourn at 7:38 p.m. All in favor by call of roll.

Marlo Gustafson, WCMC
Town Clerk