

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Public Works Committee
INITIATED BY

Public Works Committee
SUBMITTED BY



Ben Coopman, Director of Public Works
DRAFTED BY

October 11, 2012
DATE DRAFTED

**REVERSING A RESOLUTION TO STOP THE NEW DESIGN OF THE CURVE
ON ROCK COUNTY M AND ROCK-WALWORTH COUNTYLINE ROAD
INTERSECTION IN THE TOWN OF JOHNSTOWN**

- 1 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #12-7A-078 on July 12,
- 2 2012 that directed the new design on the curve on County M and the Rock-Walworth Countyline
- 3 Road intersection not be used; and,
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- 5 **WHEREAS**, the Town Board of Johnstown on September 26, 2012 unanimously voted and
- 6 appeared at a Public Works Committee meeting to request that the County reconsider this action,
- 7 as it placed an undue financial hardship on the Town; and,
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- 9 **WHEREAS**, said hardship involves the spending of funds estimated at over \$50,000 to remove
- 10 and replace a short span bridge and repair the two existing portions of Countyline Road pavement
- 11 that must now remain in place; and,
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- 13 **WHEREAS**, the Town Board was aware of the County's possible action in July and considered it
- 14 unlikely to be approved and therefore did not object at that time.
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- 16 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Rock County Board of Supervisors
- 17 convened this 25 day of October, 2012 reverses its action on Resolution #12-7A-078 and
- 18 directs that the new design on the curve be implemented.
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Respectfully submitted,
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

Kurtis J. Yankee
Kurtis Yankee, Chair

Betty Jo Bussie
Betty Jo Bussie, Vice-Chair

Absent
Eva M. Arnold

David Brown
David Brown

Absent
Brent Fox

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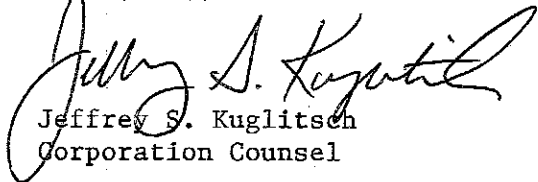
This resolution reverses Resolution #12-7A-078 relating to the design of the curve on County M and Rock-Walworth Countyline Road intersection. Changing designs could require some re-engineering costs. Total net cost impact is not determined at this time.



Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to § 59.01 and 59.51, Wis. Stats.



Jeffrey S. Kuglitsen
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of Policy.



Craig Knutson
County Administrator

- Executive Summary -

The Department of Public Works (DPW) is reconstructing County Highway M (CTH M) at Countyline Road in the Town of Johnstown. The existing intersection has two connection points for Countyline Road into CTH M. The modification proposed by our consulting engineer that was concurred upon by the DPW staff and Public Works Committee, was to consolidate these into one connection.

The Director of Public Works met with the Johnstown Town Board many months ago and conferred with them about what options were being considered for this intersection. He indicated that there was a strong possibility that the one connection layout would be finalized. This layout was displayed at a public information meeting held at the Johnstown Town Hall on March 12, 2012. Two Town Board members were in attendance and discussed this layout with the Director. They did not object to it, nor did they make any public comment for the record. The Public Works Committee on at least two occasions reviewed and approved the single connection concept.

A Walworth County citizen, Margaret Pulera, raised concerns about the proposed intersection change. She attended numerous Public Information, Public Works Committee and County Board meetings to state her opposition. She eventually requested that a Resolution be drafted to stop the proposed revision and revert back to the two connections. That Resolution to stop the change was approved by the County Board on July 12, 2012.

The Johnstown Town Board requested a meeting with Director Coopman on September 26, 2012. They raised their concerns about the fact that the County Board approved the Resolution and that action now forced the Town into spending money on the remaining portions of Countyline Road. These included removal and replacement of a short span bridge and paving the remainder of the roadways. This work is estimated to cost in excess of \$50,000 and would not have been needed if the intersection would have been combined into one connection. While they were well aware that the County Board was considering the Resolution to stop the change, they did not think it feasible and that it would be approved by the County Board. They therefore did not weigh in at that time. They now fully realize that this was bad judgment on their part. But since the work is still not completed, because of this financial hardship they should ask for reconsideration at this time. Their vote was unanimous.

This resolution reverses the previous resolution. There will be a little additional cost (mostly for some re-engineering) to the county if the reversal resolution is approved. Work is underway in the area, but this intersection is being held until the last. If a decision is made in time, the work will be done. If approval is too late for 2012 construction, the final town road connection work could be done in 2013. Some temporary connections for the two roads would have to be made this year. In either case, work on the mainline of CTH M will be done in 2012.

If not approved, the work would proceed per the July resolution's directive. Some temporary connections may still be needed, if too late for 2012 construction. The Town will then have to deal with their bridge and roads as they deem necessary.