

Public Works Committee Minutes
Thursday, October 11, 2012- 8:00 a.m.
Department of Public Works Committee Room
3715 Newville Road - Janesville, WI

Call to Order. Chair Yankee called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Brown, Bussie, and Yankee

Committee Members Absent: Supervisors Arnold and Fox

Staff Members Present: Ben Coopman, Public Works Director
Deb Lawton, Secretary
Mike Turk, Shop Superintendent

Others Present: Margaret Pulera, Interested Citizen
Dennis Logterman, Chair, Town of Johnstown
Rob Mawhinney, Supervisor, Town of Johnstown
Carmen Corwith, Supervisor, Town of Johnstown
Bob Buchanan, President, Local 1077

Approval of Agenda. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved today's agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2012. Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the minutes. MOTION CARRIED.

Citizen Participation, Communications, and Announcements. Margaret Pulera spoke against 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.

HIGHWAY BUSINESS

Approve Purchase of Equipment. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved Mike Turk's recommendation to purchase one Ford Super Duty F-350 DRW 4WD Super Duty Cab Chassis from Ewald Automotive for \$27,154. Mike explained this vehicle will be set up as a service truck for the shop. He sent out 12 requests for bid and only one was returned. Supervisor Bussie asked why more bids were not received. Is this price competitive? Mike explained the price is lower than expected and comes off the State Bid. Mike explained under the current Purchasing Policy, we can buy only from the State Bid if we want but he wanted to give other vendors a chance to bid. The State Bidder usually gets a factory incentive that lowers their costs, which the other dealers do not get. MOTION CARRIED.

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Approve Resolution 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.

Ben Coopman stated this request began with the Town of Johnstown in September. They also asked Ben to come to their special meeting last Monday. It is being stated that Ben brought this up and that is not the case. Mary Mawhinney requested Ben's attendance at that meeting. The Town of Johnstown understands it was the County Board that voted down the design of CTH M – not this Committee.

Mr. Logterman discussed the curve on CTH M and feels it will be a safe intersection. The Town would be forced to spend money on the remaining portions of Countyline Road, including \$50,000 for replacement of a short span bridge. That is 1/3 of their highway budget for the Town of Johnstown. Mr. Logterman asked where they would get this money from.

Carmen Corwith stated it is always inconvenient to slow down for a curve.

Margaret Pulera discussed the blind spots.

Dennis Logertman feels the single connection alternative is the safest plan and is a good idea to eliminate this road for the Town. If they are forced to maintain that road, that is a financial issue for them.

Supervisor Bussie asked him if he lived in the Town of Johnstown and replied, yes, he does live in the Town of Johnstown and is the Town Chair.

The Johnstown Board did come to the committee and request that it be changed back to the original plan.

Margaret Pulera stated in the June meeting Mary Mawhinney stated it was very scary out there because of the Dodge's farm buildings blocking vision.

More discussion.

Bob Buchanan reminded everyone that those people who observed the job site, it is not the finished grade. It is the rough grade. It is not what the finished product will be.

Ben stated it was agreed with the Town Board we would estimate what was needed to replace the bridge with something else and fix the roads. He met with the Town of Johnstown on Monday. Four culvert pipes are needed. Various county estimates were given to the Town Board. He welcomes estimates from others.

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Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved the resolution.

Supervisors Bussie and Brown moved an amendment to add the words, and appeared at a Public Works Committee Meeting to the resolution following the words unanimously voted on line five. MOTION CARRIED.

A vote on the resolution was taken. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion on the Future Direction of the CTH G Connector and Mega Projects. Ben distributed information on the CTH-G Project, including a timeline. Discussion on land acquisition took place. A lengthy discussion ensued on the item.

Commissioner's Report.

Supervisor Bussie's Report on the WCHA Board of Directors Meeting. Supervisor Bussie reported the next meeting will be held at the Concourse Hotel in Madison at 1:00 p.m. Monday, October 15. She also reported that the resolution requested by Rock Co. reducing the annual highway conferences from two to one was unanimously defeated.

Next Meeting Date. Thursday, November 8, starting at 8:00 a.m. The Parks meeting will be rescheduled to Tuesday, November 20, at 8:00 a.m. due to a conflict with the County Board meeting schedule.

Cancel Vouchers #9082 and #1072-#1195 and Approve Bills, Encumbrances, Pre-Approved Encumbrances, Amendments and Transfers. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved the vouchers including one over \$10,000 to Agsun for electrical service for the salt dome and brown storage shed for \$23,950, bills, encumbrances, pre-approved encumbrances, amendments and transfers, including transfer of \$3,000 reimbursement of deductible on broom truck destroyed in April 11, 2012 accident. MOTION CARRIED.

Adjournment. Supervisors Brown and Bussie moved to adjourn at 9:40 a.m. MOTION CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra A. Lawton
Secretary II