

**Public Works Committee
December 14, 2016**

Trustee Dobbs called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Caledonia Village Hall, 6922 Nicholson Road, Caledonia, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Dobbs and Trustee Trentadue, also present was Village President Bob Bradley

Staff present: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Police Chief Dan Warren, Police Captain Brian Wall, Village Engineer Tony Bunkelman

1. Approval of minutes

Motion made by Trustee Trentadue to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. **Motion carried.**

2. Discussion and proposal regarding the City of Racine's way-finding project

Trustee Dobbs explained City of Racine's way-finding project proposal. The City is looking to contract with Caledonia and Mount Pleasant to participate in the way-finding project. The approximate cost for the project is \$300,000 with the Village proposed amount \$36,000 which includes 7 total signs. The proposal includes signs in and out of the village and on the interstate corridor. He also stated there are no particular destinations in Caledonia and that the public is moving toward smart phones and GPS for navigation instead of signs.

Trustee Trentadue stated that with was an extraordinary amount of money for the value it would add to the Village.

Administrator Christensen stated he was approached by the Caledonia Douglas Avenue Business Association. The businesses find it hard to give directions and visitors to navigate.

Martha Hutsick, liaison between the Caledonia Community Development Authority (CDA) and the Douglas Avenue Business Association, asked that the Village take a good look at the idea of way-finding. She stated that there should be more local signage.

President Bradley stated that it was hoped that the project would be complete in the summer of 2017. Mount Pleasant is not on board with the project and it is unknown if the cost incurred by the Village could go up with them not participating.

William Streeter, member of the Caledonia Community Development Authority, stated way-finding creates an identity for the Village and that the Village could start small. The Village is too big of an area to cover in such a short period of time. The Village should look at what our goal is and what we should accomplish with such signage.

Hutsick asked if Racine wanted the Village to pay the money upfront or if it was to be paid in installments. Bradley stated there would be an inter-governmental contract between the municipalities involved.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to recommend the Community Development Authority evaluate the need for way-finding and to not move ahead with the City of Racine way-finding proposal, but possibly approach the City to partner in the future. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried.

3. Street Light request – Riversview Park Subdivision

Bunkelman presented the background of the Riversview Park Subdivision lighting. Bunkelman stated he received a letter dated November 11, 2016 from Richard Anderson, 3311 Brown's Court, requesting consideration to add street lights in the Riversview Park Subdivision. Anderson stated in the letter that he is concerned for the safety and security in the area with the limited amount of lighting. Bunkelman also stated he received an email from Ray Leffler, Developer of Riversview, stating he did not proceed with the street lights after facing opposition from neighbors. Bunkelman suggested the Village send out a survey to the residents in the area.

Anderson stated he built his home in 2002 and has not heard of any opposition. He stated that the underground power lines where the street lights were to be installed were exposed at one point and cut back. He stated neighbors had thought that when the last lot was built that street lights were to be installed. Residents walk their dogs in the morning and evening and it is dangerous.

Bunkelman stated that it is a requirement that street lights are to be installed prior to pulling any building permits for a development. They were not installed due to the opposition and that there would have been an agreement between Leffler and the Board to modify this requirement.

Dobbs asked if there was a way with the current regulations to not install street lights in a future subdivision. Bunkelman stated no, not without an agreement with the Board.

Discussion was held expressing concerns with who would incur the cost of installing the lighting.

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to direct the Engineering Department to send out a neighborhood survey for the installation of streetlights within Riversview Park Subdivision and a cost estimate of the lighting. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried.

6. Adjournment

Motion by Trustee Trentadue to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Spencer
Deputy Village Clerk