

**Public Works Committee  
April 11, 2018**

Trustee Trentadue called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Benkowski and Trustee Trentadue

Staff present: Utility Director Anthony Bunkelman, Highway Superintendent Bill Jacoby, Public Works Director Tom Lazcano, Police Chief Dan Warren, Village President Jim Dobbs. Attorney Elaine Ekes

**1. Approval of minutes**

**Motion by Trustee Benkowski to approve the minutes from the March 14, 2018 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

The meeting was taken out of order: 7, 8, 6, 2, 3, 4, 5

**2. Permission to operate and allow a portion of the bike course in the Real Racine International Triathlon on the streets of Caledonia**

This was held over from the last meeting because the Committee needed additional information. Lazcano said everything has now been addressed. Cari Greving was present from Real Racine. The event is scheduled for July 15, 2018. Police Chief Warren had concerns over current road construction. Lazcano said all work was scheduled to be done by then. Greving stated if there is construction, they could make last minute adjustments and take an alternate route.

**Motion by Trustee Benkowski to put Item 2-Permission to operate and allow a portion of the bike course in the Real Racine International Triathlon on the streets of Caledonia, as an open item for the next meeting. Lazcano will check for an alternate route in case of construction. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

**3. Ragnar Relay Chicago 2018**

Lazcano stated all the information has been submitted. The relay is scheduled for May 18 to May 19 and they usually come through in the early morning hours. There will not be a need for police assistance.

**Motion by Trustee Benkowski to approve Ragnar Relay Chicago 2018. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

**4. ARCW Aids Ride**

Lazcano stated all the information has been submitted. The Police Chief has reviewed the information also. This route will not be going through any construction areas. There will not be a need for police assistance. The promoters did rent Cliffside Park and the Franksville Joint Park to use the bathroom facilities and water breaks.

**Motion by Trustee Benkowski to approve ARCW Aids Ride. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

**5. “Blind Person in Area” Traffic Sign on 4 ½ Mile Road**

Ann Michels was present to speak for her father, Charles Michels, 2585 4 ½ Mile Road. Charles Michels is legally blind but enjoys walking down 4 ½ Mile Road. They would like a “Blind Person in Area” sign so people will be more careful. Trustee Trentadue stated the person requesting the sign usually has to pay for the sign. Highway Superintendent Bill Jacoby said the feeling on that type of sign is it gives a false sense of security. The other issue is when people move away the sign is no longer needed, but is still up. Lazcano will check on the cost involved and the ordinances and let Ann Michels know and she can decide if she wants to move forward with the sign.

**Motion made by Trustee Benkowski that the Public Works Director look into pricing a Blind Person In Area sign and report back to the resident that placed the request. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

**6. Stop Signs on Greenbay and 4 Mile Road**

Village President Dobbs wanted to address the traffic concerns caused by the road construction on Hwy 32. This is not only causing traffic backups, but affecting businesses and the safety of construction workers. He asked everyone involved be present so they can express their needs.

4 Mile Road between Hwy 31 and Hwy 32 is a Village Road. 3-way stop sign was discussed at Green Bay Road and 4 Mile Road. Bunkelman stated this will cause additional traffic backing up both east and west. Trustee Benkowski agreed.

Tony Bunkelman will be the contact for this project. He will coordinate with the construction company, Police Department, Fire Department and Businesses on Hwy. 32 and keep the public informed in what is going on utilizing the Village’s website and press releases. Bunkelman said a business can provide an “Open” sign for in front of their business.

Discussion followed on residents causing a safety concern by going down the road closed areas saying they are going to a business, but just using the route as a short cut. Police Chief stated they can’t stop every single car. President Dobbs asked the subcommittee to sit down and decided what additional signs are needed and to get flyers to businesses for direction on what kind of signs they can put out. Lazcano stated when WisDOT closes a road for construction, it’s closed from start to finish so you don’t confuse people. It’s a matter of consistency for everyone involved, including how to get to businesses. Business owners stated they are having trouble getting their deliveries with semis not being able to get past barriers on Hwy 32 and people not knowing if they are open or not.

Discussion followed on changing traffic patterns. Bunkelman is going to provide maps to indicate traffic patterns for a particular point in time on the Village’s website. Any time there is a change it will be updated.

**Motion made by Trustee Benkowski to deny Item 6 - Stop Signs on Green Bay Road and 4 Mile Road. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **7. Side Walk Ordinance**

Attorney Ekes presented. The Village of Caledonia has Ordinances enforcing how sidewalks are to be maintained and paid for. She presented information on how different municipalities in the area accomplish this. If this was to become a Village expense, the Village needs to set up a procedure and timetables for replacement of various sidewalks. The Village has approximately 2.6 miles of sidewalks to deal with. Lazcano did not see any subdivisions coming in with sidewalks to add to that number. Key concepts like mud-jacking and grinding were discussed. Attorney Ekes will incorporate a report form with materials for enforcement and forward to the Public Works Director.

**A motion was made by Trustee Benkowski to simplify language using Kenosha as a template and allow alternative measures to ensure a safe walking surface that would allow mud-jacking and grinding. This will go to the next Legislative and Licensing Committee meeting. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **8. New Speed School Zone Near Olympia Brown School**

Attorney Ekes presented. An Engineering Study is not needed to install a speed zone in front of the new Olympia Brown School. State Ordinance 346.57(4) is in place that specifies fixed limits for a Child Safety Zone of 15 MPH when passing an intersection or other location properly marked as a school crossing. Children living in the subdivision across from the School are creating a safety issue crossing the street to get to school. There is a designated budget for the Public Works Department for signs, and this would fall under those budget powers. This could be reported to the Village Board, but the Board does not need to authorize the sign to go up. Lazcano will make a diagram of the layout and present for review.

**A motion was made by Trustee Benkowski to proceed with the Speed School Zone Near Olympia Brown School, with the Public Works Director to create a diagram for the initial layout. This will need to be reviewed by Village staff and School staff. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously.**

## **9. Adjournment**

Motion by Trustee Benkowski to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Trentadue. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Jo Schmidt  
Adm. Asst. II