

Trustee Weatherston called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Village Hall, 5043 Chester Lane, Racine, Wisconsin.

Present were: Trustee Weatherson and Trustee McManus

Absent: None

Staff present: Village of Caledonia Public Works Director Tom Lazcano and Village of Caledonia Administrator Tom Christensen

1. Approval of minutes

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the minutes from the February 3, 2021 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Weatherson. Motion carried unanimously.

2. BRIARWOOD Condo Early Start Amendment

Memorandum

Tom Lazcano

Re: Briarwood Condo Early Start Amendment

The Engineering Department has received a request to allow the developer to build one 2-unit condo early to use as a model for the Briarwood development. The Development Agreement states that building permits cannot be issued until the road is paved. The developer has several reasons for the request and asked to be placed on the Public Works Committee agenda.

The Developer has given the following reasons for their request:

- They would like to build a model home to show customers that would be interested in purchasing condos what they actually look like. According to the developer, it is easier to sell units when you have a model that people can walk through and see.
- The Developer is concerned about the cost of building materials going up and would like to build the model sooner, if possible. Over the past few months building materials have gone up significantly and some items are on back order. Building early would save on costs and possibly avoid delays.
- The Developer has limited control over the paving schedule, they can theoretically have the road base gravel ready in June but it might not get paved for some time if the paving contractor cannot get to it right away, and the finished model condo would not be ready for several months after that.

After reviewing the request, the Engineering Department would be okay with allowing one 2-Unit condo to be built prior to the road paving. The Engineering Department would request that it be the closest unit to the entrance in case any emergency units are during construction.

Briarwood Condo Early Start Amendment Discussion:

Public Works Members expressed concern if the roads would be asphalted. Ray Leffler said before the public comes in it would be asphalted, and it currently has the storm sewer in place ready for the gravel and curbs to be installed.

Motion: Trustee McManus moved to approve the Briarwood Condominium condo early start request subject to the following:

- Section 19 of Development Agreement will need to be amended to allow building permits for one 2-unit condo prior to the private road being constructed and accepted.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston

3. YMCA Run

Memorandum

Tom Lazcano

Re: 43rd Annual Lighthouse Run 2021

The Department of Public Works has received a request for permission to allow the 43rd Annual Lighthouse Run through the Village of Caledonia.

The Lighthouse Run will be held July 31st this year. It will begin at the Olympia Brown school and will end at different locations depending on the distance each runner chooses. The run will go through portions of the Village of Caledonia and the Village of Wind Point. The organizers are working on arrangements with Olympia Brown and Village Parks for start and rest locations.

Brenda Hughes is the contact person for the event. Brenda has submitted a letter that addresses necessary requirements per the Village Ordinance. The Event will need Police and Department of Public Works services. Brenda will work with each department on the specifics. The event has volunteers that will set up, clean up and take down any cones or signage that they need for the run.

This is the first time the Lighthouse Run has asked to go through the Village of Caledonia and that is why this is before the Public Works Committee. The Public Works Director recommends approval of the Lighthouse Run subject to arrangements and agreements being made with Police and Highway Department.

43rd Annual Lighthouse Run 2021 Discussion:

Village of Caledonia Administrator Tom Christensen asked if there would be compensation for the use of Village of Caledonia Officers. Brenda Hughes said yes off duty officers would be utilized and compensated for their time. Hughes added that they are awaiting approval from Olympia Brown Elementary School and potentially Cliffside Park to be granted permission for the use of their properties.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the Lighthouse Run subject to arrangements and agreements being made with Police and Highway Department.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston

4. Ned Kramer Lawn Damage Complaint

Memorandum

Tom Lazcano

Re: Ned Kramer Lawn Damage Complaint/Pulverized Topsoil Request – 1813 4 ½ Mile Rd

Mr. Ned Kramer, who owns the home at 1813 4 ½ Mile Road has reached out to Village staff and Trustees concerning the lawn area in the Village's road Right of Way adjacent to the northwest corner of his property. Mr. Kramer believes that snow plowing operations this past winter damaged his property and created low spots and holes in the lawn and has requested 10 to 12 cubic yards (CY) of pulverized topsoil from the Village to repair the lawn.

In mid-April, members of the Highway Department responded to Mr. Kramer's initial complaint and visited his property and filled several holes along the back of curb with topsoil and grass seed. Mr. Kramer was not satisfied with the repair and elevated his concerns to the Village Administrator, Mr. Tom Christensen and to Village Trustee, Mr. Kevin Wanggaard. The Administrator asked me to take a look at Mr. Kramer's concern and report back.

I met Mr. Kramer at his home on April 28th to review and discuss his concerns. I did notice there were some low spots and holes in the Village's road Right of Way which I considered minor. Mr. Kramer considered the low spots and holes major damage and was adamant that they were caused by the Village's end loader moving snow piles back onto the lawn. I explained to Mr. Kramer that the damage he was complaining about was within the Village's road Right of Way and that our Highway Department had to move the snow piles back to allow left turning traffic from Sunshine to see traffic from the east on 4 ½ Mile Road to make the turn safely. I told him I was satisfied with the Highway Department's repairs from mid-April and that I did not see the need bring additional topsoil to fix the road Right of Way area. I offered to have the Highway Department bring additional grass seed and erosion mat for the areas we had already repaired and Mr. Kramer declined.

Mr. Kramer was not satisfied with my response and wanted to elevate further. I reached out to him on May 4th and offered to send the issue to the Public Works Committee Meeting in May.

I have attached photos showing the location of the subject area and an aerial photo showing the property and road right of way limits.

I believe giving 10 to 12 CY of pulverized topsoil to Mr. Kramer would set a bad precedent that would be financially detrimental to the Village and would make residents believe they own and/or have authority over the road Right of Way. That would be harmful to future plowing operations by limiting how far back snow would be stored. The Village has the right to store snow in the road Right of Way and needs to do so to keep roads clear of snow and ice and keep them safe. I recommend making a motion denying delivering 10 – 12 CY of pulverized topsoil to Mr. Kramer's property to fill the road Right of Way area.

Ned Kramer Lawn Damage Complaint Discussion:

Public Works Committee Members said they visited the property to assess Ned Kramer's complaint and spoke with him. Committee Members spoke with Hintz Landscaping for an estimated cost of 10 yards of topsoil, which estimated to be between \$300.00 - \$400.00.

Motion by Trustee McManus to deny the owners request of additional topsoil to be replenished in the Right-of-Way at 1813 4 ½ Mile Road.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston.

5. Quarry Blasting Permit Renewal

Memorandum

Tom Lazcano

RE: Payne & Dolan – Racine Quarry - Explosives and Blasting Permit

The Village of Caledonia issues an annual Explosives and Blasting Permit for the Payne & Dolan Racine Quarry. The information and the required permit fees for the Permit was submitted by Payne & Dolan on April 27, 2021.

The information for the permit was reviewed by the Engineering Department and appears to be in order. There are no expiring licenses during this permit period that need to be updated. If any new blasting personnel are added an updated Blaster list is required.

This Explosive and Blasting Permit is valid from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

This Explosive and Blasting Permit is hereby recommended for approval at the May 10th Public Works Committee meeting and the May 17th Village Board meeting.

Quarry Blasting Permit Renewal Discussion:

Clint Weninger (Manager, Land Resources at Payne & Dolan Inc.)

2019-2020-2021 blasting hertz (Hz) numbers are close from the four seismographs readings.

2020 Blasting Review– 63 days of blasting up to 1 ¾ blasting per day all met under the blasting requirements.

New area people haven't experienced it for a while, and some are new to these situations. Pre-blast surveys were sent out to residents per ordinance that needed to be filled out to see where the state of each property was before blasting occurs. This was to eliminate if the blasts were to cause problems to a property.

Motion by Trustee McManus to approve the Explosive and Blasting Permit for Payne & Dolan, Inc. – Racine Quarry subject to the following

1. An updated Licensed Blasters List for the Racine Quarry is submitted to the Village as licenses are renewed or staff is added so a current list is on file at the Village Hall.

Seconded by Trustee Weatherston

6. Adjournment

Trustee McManus motioned to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Weatherston. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Erika Waege, Building Admin