

Public Works Committee
October 12, 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

Staff present: Village Administrator Tom Christensen, Highway Superintendent Blaine Pfeffer, Manager of Building and Development James Keeker, Police Captain Brian Wall, Village Engineer Tony Bunkelman

1. Approval of minutes

Motion made by Trustee Trentadue to approve the minutes from the August 10, 2016 meeting. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. **Motion carried.**

2. Request for “Autistic Child” signage on Brian Dr.

Police Chief Dan Warren sent an e-mail dated 10/4/2016 to Trustee Dobbs concerning in inquiry for an “Autistic Child” signage on Brian Drive. Warren stated he spoke with Highway Superintendent Blaine Pfeffer and he stated that they have not placed blind, deaf or other similar warning signs recently as they believe it offers a false sense of security to the requestor and often doesn’t slow traffic. Another consideration is that when the requestor moves out of the area, then the signs remain without need, as there is no monitoring of the changes.

Wall stated the Police Department’s position is the signs are inefficient, and the requestor should pay for the sign and installation. Pfeffer said they have not put up any of these types of signs for 20 years and as they fade, they are taken down and not replaced. Bunkelman felt signage of this type was ineffective. Dobbs brought out the City of Racine does put up Autistic Child signs as long as the people pay for the sign.

This will be “received and filed” for now unless an official request comes in.

3. School Zone signs posted along 5 ½ Mile Rd. near Olympia Brown School

Bunkelman stated the Village is not involved in this type of project, this is something the school district takes care of. Christensen pointed out this area is for school buses only. All students are supposed to ride the bus to school, but some are walking and it gets dicey when school lets out.

Christensen will call Racine Unified School District and see what their plans are. Bunkelman said RUSD is to be putting down paint markings and this has not been done yet.

This agenda item was for discussion only.

4. Village Hall Secondary Access – Kmart to Crawford Park

Village Engineer Tony Bunkelman sent a memorandum dated 10/6/2016 to the Public Works Committee concerning a Village Hall secondary access at the Chester Lane site. It is proposed to

have a secondary access out to 4 Mile Road, but that will not be installed until the Police Department is constructed. The Village is exploring the option of having a secondary access which would connect Crawford Park to the Kmart parking lot. The DNR's Surface Water Data Viewer shows that the tree line between the park and Kmart is wetlands.

Bunkelman contacted Craig Webster from the DNR and Webster informed him that as long as the impact to the wetland was less than 10,000 square feet, he would be able to issue a general permit (GP2) for the project. Bunkelman's estimate of the total impact area to be about 3,800 square feet. The direction from Webster was to survey in the channel more, show the wetland and give that information to him. Webster will put that on as a delineation wetland. For the permit the Village will need to have the design, construction information and will be responsible for maintenance. Christensen said the Village is in preliminary talks to acquire the property. An estimate of the cost has not been calculated yet. Christensen will keep the committee updated on the progress.

This agenda item was for discussion only.

5. Update from DOT regarding moving forward with the Hwy 38 and 5 Mile Rd. project

Stacey L. Pierce, P.E., PTOE of the Wisconsin Division of Transportation System Development sent a letter dated 10/3/2016 to Village Administrator Tom Christensen. The letter informed the Village that the DOT has decided to move forward with a project to improve the safety of the intersection of Wisconsin 38 and 5 Mile Road. The project was recently approved for funding from the Highway Safety Improvement Program (HSIP) with the preferred alternative of a roundabout. Ninety percent of the costs will be paid by FHWA, and ten percent will be paid by the state of Wisconsin. Therefore, there will be no cost to the Village. The Village will be invited to a scoping meeting in the next few months, followed by public information meetings and design progress meetings.

Wall did gather information off the speed trailer. The average speed on Hwy. 38 is 53 mph with the top speed recorded at 76 mph. All accidents on Hwy. 38 have been for failure to yield the right-of-way.

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6. Adjournment

Motion made by Trustee Trentadue to adjourn. Seconded by Trustee Dobbs. **Motion carried.** Meeting adjourned at 1:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jo Schmidt
Admin. Asst. II