

MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2014

Call to Order

President Vanden Berg called the Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll Call

PRESENT: President Vanden Berg, Trustee Elrick, Trustee Hietpas, Trustee Joosten, Trustee Peerenboom, Trustee Van Lankvelt

EXCUSED: Trustee Smith, Clerk Decker

ALSO PRESENT: Staff Members: J. Fenlon, R. Van Gheem, T. Matheny, T. Flick, J. Moes, Ellen Regan, Interested Citizens, Media Reps

Public Appearance for Items not on the Agenda:

Kerrie Linsmeyer, 949 Pleasantview Avenue, Little Chute addressed the board regarding the need for a feral cat ordinance in the Village of Little Chute. There is a problem in her neighborhood with feral cats and the Village currently does not have an ordinance regulating this issue. She stated that the area humane society charges \$75 per cat to bring them in and someone in her neighborhood has been feeding these cats so there is also an issue with the presence of cat feces in this area. President Vanden Berg stated that staff will research what types of ordinances are out there for this and get back to Ms. Linsmeyer.

Public Informational Meeting for bike lanes on Lincoln Avenue:

Roy Van Gheem, Director of Public Works addressed the public who were present to discuss the proposed bike lanes on Lincoln Avenue with instructions on the procedures for public comment on this topic. Roy introduced Pat Skalecki, a consultant from GRAEF & Associates, to give a presentation on the design standards that are going to be utilized for a bicycle facility accommodation on an urban street. This project entails pavement markings only from Sanitorium Rd. to Wilson Street, which is an existing asphalt roadway with curb and gutter, with varying widths from 40 feet clear to 44 feet clear. A Village Bike Plan lies within this designated corridor, so the purpose of what is trying to be accomplished with this project is to meet the intent of that bike plan to accommodate the bicycles within that existing pavement section so there will not be any reconstruction involved, but just strictly pavement marking, striping, symbols and limited signage to indicate the bicycle facility. Pat explained further design criteria and guidelines that are used by consultants in the State of Wisconsin for projects such as this and they are outlined within the Wisconsin Department of Transportation Facilities Development Manual which gives criteria from early programming of a project through design, project plan and development all the way through construction. There is a design chapter within that manual entitled "Complete Streets" and the purpose is to give the minimum standards widths that can be provided within that corridor for bike lanes, pedestrians and vehicles to operate safely for everyone using that corridor.

John Janssen, 1208 E. Lincoln Avenue, Little Chute, addressed the board with his concerns about the proposed bike lanes. He parks his vehicles in front of his driveway to protect his eight year old son while biking to prevent him from riding out into the street and being struck by a car that may be speeding down Lincoln Avenue. He has raised this concern numerous times with Metro and has requested a speed sign be posted for the last three years and has also caught cars on video going in excess of 40 mph down Lincoln. He stated that no one has addressed his concerns and he has been at previous meetings to get stop signs put in throughout Lincoln to get traffic slowed down. He questioned the type of striping that will be used on this bike lane and he feels that double yellow lines are necessary due to current traffic conditions. Mr. Jansen also brought his concerns about the safety of the bike trail on Sanitorium Rd.

Items for Future Agenda

Trustee Peerenboom – Parking around Heesakker St. and bike lanes on Lincoln.
Trustee Van Lankveldt – Speeding/Stop Signs on Lincoln Avenue

Moved by Trustee Elrick, seconded by Trustee Van Lankveldt to enter into closed session. (8:14pm)

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Closed Session:

19.85(1)(e) Wis. Stats. Competitive or Bargaining Reasons. Deliberations of or negotiations for purchase of public properties, investment of public funds, or conduct of other specific public business, whenever competitive or bargaining reasons require a closed session. *Purchase/Sale of Village Owned Property*

Moved by Trustee Hietpas, seconded by Trustee Van Lankveldt to exit closed session (8:21 p.m.)

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried

Adjourn

Moved by Trustee Hietpas, seconded by Trustee Van Lankveldt to Adjourn the Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Ayes 6, Nays 0 – Motion Carried



By: Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President



Attest: Laurie Decker, Village Clerk