



**Village of Mount Pleasant  
Public Works Committee Meeting**

**July 13, 2017**

**Committee Members Present:** F. Risler, S. Havn, J. Schneider

**Committee Members Excused:** K. Otwaska, J. Kusters

**Staff:** S. Houte, T. Beyer, M. Benish, A. Hanna

**Other:** Trustee - J. Hewitt

1. **Call to Order.** Public Works Committee meeting was called to order by S. Havn at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Public Comments.** – None
3. **Adoption of Public Works Committee June 8, 2017 Meeting Minutes.** – J. Schneider motioned, F. Risler seconded to approve the June 8, 2017 meeting minutes. Motion failed 2-0, due to lack of a majority vote. J. Schneider abstained from vote.
4. **2017 Paving Program: Professional Services Agreement for Construction** – S. Houte said the Paving Program went out earlier this month. Payne & Dolan has the contract for an estimate of \$49,700. He anticipates this number to change based on historical experience with the program. J. Schneider motioned, F. Risler seconded to accept the bid estimate of \$49,700 and use Payne & Dolan as the contractor for the Paving Program. Motion carried 3-0.
5. **Bids for Annual Supply of Road Salt** – M. Benish announced Compass Materials will be providing Mt. Pleasant's road salt this year, at the amount of \$46.47 per ton. This cost is down from last year's \$54.73 per ton. M. Benish said he anticipates salt deliveries only taking around 3 days to receive, due to historical experience with salt companies. He re-orders when the salt stock pile gets low, to circumvent critical issues when storms do occur.
6. **Road Ratings** – S. Houte informed the Committee the WISLR ratings have been completed by M. Benish and crew. He directed the Committee to the notes provided for the meeting regarding the various road ratings from 10 (best) – 1 (worst).
  - S. Houte pointed out to keep up with the road conditions, he estimates the Village should be paving an average of about 5 miles every year; which costs about \$2.3 million. He explained these estimates are just for maintenance not total re-construction. However, to get ahead of the issue, the Village should spend more than \$2.3 million a year to keep the roads in good condition.
  - S. Houte said Eaton Rd. is shared with Racine and will be done in 2018.
  - S. Houte recommends not waiting to resurface roads when they are at a "2" or "3." When a road is rated that low, the subgrade is affected, which increases replacement costs.

- S. Houte said the roads with a rating of 5 he is concerned with, as this will cost around \$7.5 million to replace now. Within two years these roads can become a rating of “3.”
- S. Havn said to bring this to the attention of the Village Board. This year there is zero funds for the road, currently the balance being used was carried over from previous years.
- All Committee members urged that this issue is very important and should be brought to the Board’s attention.
- S. Houte said the cost estimates given today are not for full reconstructs. These are for maintenance of the roads. Some of the roads that are rated “3” and “4” should be fully reconstructed. The roads he is aware of needing re-construction at few sections are: 16<sup>th</sup> Street and Emmertsen Rd. He is looking into obtaining grants for this type of work. However, grants usually are a 80/20 split to pay for the costs of reconstruction.

7. **Ditch Maintenance** – Staff have received numerous complaints from residents about standing water in ditches. Currently, Staff are evaluating these areas of concern for priority of maintenance and scope of project, to be included in the 2018 budget.

M. Benish said that some subdivisions in the Village are around 50-60 years old, and have drainage issues. He said he does not have enough employees or enough time to complete this project. He requests these get budgeted for outside contractors to do.

- S. Houte said culverts are the responsibilities of the residents to replace and maintain.
- S. Havn inquired if the culverts had been charged to residents in the past. S. Houte said that when culverts are replaced as part of a road improvement project, the Village did not charge residents in the past.
- S. Houte said since this is a maintenance project, he suggests it could be considered to charge residents for the culvert and its installation. To have this project done correctly, he recommends using an Engineering firm to determine topography and other details involved.
- F. Risler agrees to have engineering information on the project. He is also sympathetic that residents are going to question the cost being put upon them.
- S. Houte reminded the Committee that no determination has been made yet as to whether residents will be paying for the culverts, as this decision will be made by Public Works or the Village Board. He said Staff have discussed this issue internally, where they recognize that the project involves replacing things that are already in place. Since it is maintenance, the Village typically does not reassess residents (for example) for sewer relay work.
- The Committee agrees S. Houte can move forward by collaborating with an engineering firm to gather information for this project to present to the Village Board.
- S. Houte informed the Committee that some Village residents are modifying their ditches in the Right-Of-Way. The grading results have led to drainage issues. The Engineering Department is able to notify residents when complaints are brought to their attention. J. Schneider recommends publicizing the issue, so all residents can be made aware.
- Committee asked to have the Obstructions Ordinance brought to the committee for review and recommendation.
- S. Havn suggested finding out how other communities are handling their drainage issues.

8. **Public Sidewalk Replacement** – S. Houte explained the Highway and Engineering Departments are working on collecting data about the conditions of existing Village sidewalks. A few sidewalks need repair, and some residents have made complaints.

- S. Houte proposed to get this project into 2018’s budget, and it would be reimbursed by residents.

- S. Houte said most of the sidewalks that need repair are by the Lake. Such as, by Wells St. and 21<sup>st</sup> St.
- The Committee agreed with S. Houte on working with an engineering firm to determine the cost and scope of project. S. Houte will move forward by working with an engineering firm to gather information and will inform the Committee.

**9. Project Status Reports:**

- **2017 Paving Program** – S. Houte said the “Developer Agreement” was amended with Willkomm for Sunnyside Ave. Willkomm wanted to pave the road sooner than the Paving Program could begin. Willkomm has decided they will pave the road instead.
- S. Houte advised Sunnyslope Dr is being considered to extend the paving up to Spring St. He is working with the engineering firm to determine the details needed for this.
- **WISLR – 2017 Pavement Rating** - M. Benish explained the WISLR ratings are broken into sections, according to the sections that are added on to the road over time.
- **Mt. Pleasant Business Park Addition**
  - i. **Meridian Drive** – S. Houte status of new road construction, said he will be presenting to the Village Board for Award, which means by end of the year the Village will have additional road miles.

**10. Commissioner and Staff Reports.** – M. Benish commented that Willow Rd had flooded yesterday with the large storm event. It was closed for only a part of the day. He noticed some farm fields were flooded, but that all the water went down fairly quickly. A few road shoulders were washed out. However, no major issues to report in the Village.

S. Havn said he was scoping the Village as well yesterday. He noticed the Pike River raised up to the bottom of the Hwy 11 bridge. S. Houte commented that the Pike River is working as it was intended.

S. Havn was stopped by a resident who wanted to compliment him on how well the Village is handling everything.

S. Houte commended M. Benish and A. Hanna for their prompt work pulling together the information for the WISLR task.

**11. Next Scheduled Public Works Committee Meeting:** Thursday, August 10, 2017 at 9:00 a.m.

**12. Adjournment of Public Works Committee.** – J. Schneider motioned, F. Risler seconded to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Motion carried 3-0.