

VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM

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Physical Facilities/Utilities Committee Minutes

Tuesday, July 18th, 2017 – 9:00 A.M.

Present: Jim Stollenwerk- Chair, Diane Kirkland, Cindy Nelson, Theresa Weborg

Absent: Paul Flottman

Staff: Bard Rasmusson-Maintenance Manager, Susan Shallow-Deputy Clerk, Justin MacDonald – Maintenance

Guests: Pat Hockers, Paul Hockers, John Held, Fred Bridenhagen, John Cox, Matt Meacham, Jackson Parr, Marianne Roppuld, Jim Peterman, Natalie Neddersen, Mike McCutcheon

1. Call to Order: Meeting called to order by Chair Stollenwerk at 9:00 A.M., a quorum is present for this meeting
2. Changes in Agenda: None
3. Visitors' Comments: John Cox commented about how the locals possess a lot of information on how the roads drain. We do know how this problem was created, there is a vast amount of knowledge of how we got to this point with this problem. Until he and other locals are asked the Board will not have knowledge of the origin of this issue. Stollenwerk asked if Cox and Bridenhagen would be willing to sit on a subcommittee to discuss these issues, yes replied Cox. Bristol commented that one of the first things an engineer would do is to consult with the locals. The Board has discussed hiring a hydrologist and has put that on hold for the moment. Bridenhagen commented that the Village has been talking about this for at least a decade and has done nothing. We need to move forward noted Stollenwerk.
4. Previous Minutes for Approval: 06/27/2017

Motion per Kirkland to approve the June 27, 2017 meeting minutes as presented, seconded by C. Nelson, motion carried.

5. **Discussion and recommendation regarding Cherry Street Steps/ Moravia Point Area:** Stollenwerk mentioned that this has been on the Agenda forever and we have had plans and they have been rejected at the Board level, now we are back to ground zero. Pat and Paul Hockers are here today to present their ideas regarding the above projects. They looked at some old plans and noted that the steps have to be done to code, the current stairs are at code for height and width, and our biggest problems are drainage and safety. Hockers recommends new catch basins to take the rain water. We need to clean it up. Pat Hockers handed out a proposal. We don't need a big engineered plan here noted Pat Hockers. They are here trying to give us a little direction. Nelson noted that what the committee needs is actual drawings and quotes

in order to make a recommendation and forward it on to the Board. The Village must have a survey on file noted Bridenhagen. In addition Hockers suggests steps and cutting to extend the run down the hill for the lower steps. Kirkland asked Hockers about the concrete work, do they intend to make the lower steps concrete, yes replied Hockers. Paul Hockers explained the code regarding steps. We may want to have landings for people to rest. Some brush removal will be necessary.

Held commented that in his opinion the usage of those stairs is minimal, benches and landings are unnecessary. Kirkland disagrees, those stairs are very difficult. Bridenhagen added that he thinks the stairs are used more than Held thinks, he observes a lot of people using them all day long. Bridenhagen added that even he has had trouble negotiating them. Peterman stated that his wife uses them often and they are difficult. Cox stated that the stairs have existed for decades and decades, they are a part of Ephraim, and they deserve to be fixed. Both sets of steps need to be dealt with and brought to code. Bristol asked how they would handle the rain water, Paul Hockers stated that we could incorporate a rain garden there, and we can out flow that water to the rain garden. Weborg stated that she is frustrated being on this committee, this committee has sent several recommendations to the Board for these types of repairs and some have been approved and just not acted on and many have not been approved. Feels that some of the audience frustration should be directed to the Board. Stollenwerk asked for a bid on what we need to accomplish what we need to do.

Motion per C. Nelson to approve and recommend to the Board that we pursue the Cherry Street Steps working with Pat and Paul Hockers one for the cement work and one for the drainage work and that they get the prices to us as soon as possible so that we can act on it and get the prices to the Board, seconded by Weborg, motion carried.

Moravia Point: Rasmusson stated that Hockers was looking at placing a stone wall there. Brad directed to get bids.

- 6. Discussion and recommendation regarding German Road storm sewer and other storm sewers:** Bridenhagen presented a map of German Road and he spoke about the drainage problems at various locations. Cox also has several issues with the drainage. The volume of water is great and it is damaging properties added Bridenhagen. Bridenhagen suggests we get Baudhuin to look at this. Rasmusson directed to call Baudhuin to come in and meeting with Bridenhagen and Cox.

Cox inquired if the Committee has the authority to spend money, Stollenwerk stated no however it should cost us nothing to have them come out once and give us a bid.

Kirkland mentioned that the Board has appointed McMahon as our Engineering Firm.

Neddersen inquired about the drainage problem in front of Shorewood and Eagle Harbor.

Stollenwerk displayed the pictures that Rasmusson provided of the drain on German and 42. At German Road here are issues with the storm sewer, the pipes are in bad shape and there is no easement. Multiple complaints about run off and drainage. We need some kind of a list of what pipes need to be replaced. Rasmusson stated there were about 6 that need to be replaced. Bristol explained that cross culvert replacement will be part of the re-surfacing project. The problem is that the project has been pushed back and pushed back exacerbating the problem. Kirkland inquired that we will have to pay for culvert replacement that the DOT will not cover.

Motion per Stollenwerk to recommend to the Board that they establish a subcommittee of knowledgeable citizens to discuss and make recommendations for addressing drainage issues, seconded by Kirkland, motion carried.

- 7. Discussion and recommendation regarding radar speed signs:** Rasmusson has done further research on this item. 2 DOT compliant speed signs would cost \$4,249.00 if we used solar it would be \$6,529.00. These signs will be pole mounted. Cox suggests one that is mobile and recommends the solar kit. Stollenwerk stated that while this is a good idea, it is not a priority right now. Held stated that the State will only allow you to put one of these in where there is a major speed change, such as the south end where speed drops from 35-25 once you get to the flat part. It is effective, with exceptions. Cox thinks this is an item for the Community Protection Committee, not this Committee. We need more Sheriff's cars in this area. Stollenwerk inquired if MacDonald could speak with the County Sheriff's department about being more visible in town. Solar power works good on these signs noted MacDonald, he has not had to plug the signs in very much. The recent placement of the speed board near Held's property concluded that the average speed was 26 miles an hour coming into Ephraim from the south. Meacham also feels that spending this kind of money at this time is not necessary.

Motion per Kirkland to recommend to the Board that this item be sent to the Community Protection Committee, seconded by Weborg, motion carried.

- 8. Discussion and recommendation regarding street lights:** Stollenwerk introduced this item. We have 75 streetlights on the highway. Some are powered by resident meters and some are on our power poles. With the re-surfacing project the number of streetlights we will need based on the DOT requirements. Nelson stated that a meeting will be set up with McMahon to discuss street lighting. Bristol inquired of Kirkland why in the past we called them decorative lighting and why was the DOT

not involved. We put them at intersections noted Kirkland.

9. **Discussion regarding village property maintenance plan and feedback:**

Rasmusson is here to present his report. Village hall tables have not come in yet but are due this week. Rasmusson has met with Olson about the work at the Hall. Cox thinks that road trimming needs to be done everywhere, many of our signs are buried in leaves. Overgrowth is a Zoning issue and Bristol will address this. Nelson has called a couple of landscaping companies about possibilities at the Beach with no response yet.

Motion per Nelson to accept the Maintenance manager's report as presented, seconded by Kirkland, motion carried.

10. **Next Meeting:** August 15, 2017 Comment from Cox regarding the tree on the Gresko property.

11. Adjournment

Motion per Stollenwerk to adjourn this meeting of the Physical Facilities Committee, seconded by Weborg, motion carried.

Recorded by,
Susan Shallow- Deputy Clerk