



MEETING MINUTES – PUBLIC WORKS & UTILITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Date/Time: Monday December 10th 2018 (6:00 P.M.)

Location: Village Office

ROUTINE ITEMS TO BE ACTED UPON:

1. Call to Order, Roll Call: Meeting called to order by Dick Happel at 6:00pm. Roll call: Jerry Lancelle, Public Works Coordinator, Todd Gerbers, D. Baranczyk, David Smith, Dick Happel, Dan DeRuyter, Don Dahlstrom. Excused were Tim Carpenter, Ed Kazik.
Also present from Pulaski School District were Bec Kurzynske, Superintendent and Chris Wells, Principal at Hillcrest and Hobart resident Mrs. K. Schock.
2. Verify/Modify/Approve Agenda: Motion made by Dave Baranczyk second by Don Dahlstrom, to approve the agenda. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Approval of Public Works & Utilities Advisory Committee Minutes: November 12th 2018: Motion made by David Smith second by Dave Baranczyk, to approve the minutes from November 12, 2018. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items: None

COMMITTEE BUSINESS

5. Possible Vehicular-Pedestrian Safety Improvements at and near Hillcrest School

Discussion & Recommendations: Consider potential safety improvements in and near Hillcrest Elementary School, in cooperation with the Pulaski School District and Brown County Highway, with a goal of forwarding recommendations to the Village Board.

Mrs. Schock brought this concern to the village Board for discussion because she would like to be able to have her children walk or bike to school safely. She stated that the traffic does not slow down like they should at times. The school is not visible until you are over the hill. She asked if times could be put on the sign to better alert the drivers. The Board in turn asked the committee to discuss different ideas to improve the safety of the crossing at Hillcrest school. The committee discussed the 6-options presented by Jerry Lancelle, Public Works Coordinator, to improve the area for pedestrian/bike safety for the children in the area of Hillcrest school. Any improvements would be used at all times of the day, not just during school hours. The options ranged from “Do Nothing” to installing passing lanes and turn lanes on Hillcrest and everything in-between. Many of the options were nonstarters, such as the “Do Nothing” option. Everyone thought something should be done to improve safety.

Pulaski School District and Brown County Highway would need to be partners in the improvements by contributing in funding/work toward the improvements for improvements to be made. Bec Kurzynske said that the school district requires children to be bussed or dropped off at the school. They do not encourage walking or biking by students. She also stated that they have not discussed changing the policy. She said they would be including sidewalk discussion if needed. Enforcement needs to be increased. The question of Crossing guards came up and Ms. Kurzynske said that was a village expense

if they are going to be hired. Mr. Lancelle noted that additional signage both north and south may be need. The two flashing signs may cost up to \$10,000.

Through discussion, the Committee narrowed down the options to option #3 and #4 for the purpose of gathering costs for the improvements. Motion made by Don Dahlstrom, second by Richard Happle to pursue options #3 and #4 to gather costs and bring back to the committee in January.

6. UPDATE – Director and Coordinator Activity Reports

The activity report agenda item allows Village Staff to apprise the Committee and Public of any new or time-sensitive information. Activity Reports may be given verbally and/or in writing.

Mr. Lancelle reported that the steel work on the water tower is continuing and that there have not been any issues with the construction. The road projects are being prepared for the 2019 road work, are N. Overland and Hickory along with Plane Park. The Plane Park project will remove the small boulevard to make the road easier for trucks to navigate. The stormwater inlets in Thornberry Creek are scheduled for repair/replacement. Costs will be consideration on how many are completed in one year. There are 177 inlets and the plan for repair is to take the 8 worst ones to start. Curb and gutter erosion control at Navajo to the creek is also being quoted.

- 7. ADJOURN:** Motion made by Don Dahlstrom second by David Smith, to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.