

August 21, 2015 Highway Committee Meeting

Vice-Chairman Jonely called the meeting of the Waupaca County Highway Committee to order at 9 a.m. in the Waupaca County Highway office. Open meeting statement was noted.

Members present – Vice-Chairman Jonely, Supervisors Aasen, Much, and McClone. Chairman Fleese was excused.

Also present Diane Meulemans, Waupaca County Corporation Counsel, Jill Lodewegen, Highway Office Specialist; and Dean Steingraber, Highway Commissioner.

MOTION McClone/Much to approve the minutes of the August 7, 2015 regular Committee Meeting. Carried without a negative vote.

Mr. Steingraber noted that the 10:30 a.m. appointment was rescheduled for 9/4 and that there would be no discussion regarding CTH E or CTH B Speed Zone Ordinance at this time under item number 14.

MOTION Much/McClone to approve the August 21, 2015 amended meeting agenda of the Highway Committee. Carried without a negative vote.

The following appeared for public comment on item number 5, CTH I: Lisa Coombs, Mary Kautz, Joan Hansen, Agnes Wege, Phyllis Goltz, Donald Goltz, Bob Hoffmann, Dennis Lichtenberg, Marian Lichtenberg, Gerald Schroeder, Janice Schroeder, Dale Kluth, Jane Kluth, Earl Behnke, Deann Behnke, Mike Meidam, Ellen Meidam, and Mary-Beth Kuester. The committee said that their comments would be taken into consideration and no further action would be taken on item number 5, CTH I until additional engineering reviews were done.

The following appeared for public comment on item number 12, Thiel's Pit, Conditional Use Permit Application: David Thiel, Sally Thiel, Ryan Brown, Tom Burch, Michael Thiel, and Jackie Beyer.

Mr. Steingraber discussed the Thiel's Pit Conditional Use Permit Application with the committee. New information provided by Axley to American Asphalt of Wisconsin Vice-President Tom Burch raised additional questions as to if the pit qualified as a non-conforming use under the Waupaca County code of ordinance, and as such, is not subject to conditional use permit requirements under those ordinances. The committee reviewed and discussed the letter from Axley as well as a letter that committee members received from Ryan Brown, Waupaca County Planning and Zoning Director noting that East Central Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (ECWRPC) felt that Thiel Pit is no longer considered legal nonconforming and requires a conditional use permit. Vice-Chair Jonely asked Diane Meulemans, Waupaca County Corporation Counsel how long she felt it would take to review this matter and give a legal opinion. She felt it would take 30 days. It was also noted that Andy Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, S.C. helped draft the code of ordinance that is in question and may have additional knowledge in this matter. **MOTION McClone/Much to look into fees from Mr. Phillips of von Briesen & Roper, S.C. to help review and give an opinion. Carried without a negative vote.**

All public comment attendees left the meeting.

The Committee members reviewed one (1) bill batch dated August 13, 2015. **MOTION Aasen/Much to approve the bill batches as presented. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber reviewed the 2016 Technology Purchasing Plan of one new desktop computer for the newly requested position of Shop Foreman with the committee and recommended that the committee approve. **MOTION Much/McClone to approve the 2016 Technology Purchasing Plan of one new desktop computer for the newly requested position of Shop Foreman. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber reviewed and discussed the amendment of Chapter 7 Traffic Waupaca County Code Ordinance regarding an annual vehicle registration fee of \$25. **MOTION Aasen/Much to recommend for introduction Amendment of Chapter 7 Traffic Waupaca County Code of Ordinance regarding an annual vehicle registration fee of \$25. Carried without a negative vote.**

Mr. Steingraber discussed a small tools purchase of a rock bucket for \$1,280 and a landscape rake for \$1,679 with the committee.

Mr. Steingraber distributed the Commissioner's Report which included:

- Calendar dates that involve the Committee
- Department projects
- Financial reports

MOTION McClone/Aasen to adjourn at 12:00 p.m. Carried without a negative vote.

Jill Lodewegen
Highway Office Specialist