

**WAUPACA COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE
MINUTES – August 24, 2017**

Chairman Flease called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and gave the open meeting statement.

Roll Call: Chairman Flease, G., Supervisors Jonely, McClone, Much and Rohan.

Also present –Casey Beyersdorf, Highway Commissioner, Sue Popham, Highway Office Specialist and Diane Meulemans, Corporation Counsel

Audience – None

Review and Approve Agenda. Motion: Supervisor Rohan moved and Supervisor Much seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The motion carried without a negative vote.

Minutes of the previous meeting – August 10, 2017 regular meeting. Motion: Supervisor Jonely moved and Supervisor McClone seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Public Comment – None

Review and Approve payment vouchers. Motion: Supervisor Jonely moved and Supervisor Much seconded the motion to approve the bill batch dated 7-27-17. Motion carried without a negative vote.

2018 Budget discussion and 5 year plan. Mr. Beyersdorf showed the Highway Committee the 5 year project plan so they could see the cost of those projects and how we arrived at the amount of our budget. Mr. Beyersdorf also showed the Highway Committee a 5 year plan for equipment purchases.

Discussion revising school zone speed at New London High School. Mr. Beyersdorf stated that the speed limit signs placed before and after the New London High School are currently posted at 35 mph. Mr. Beyersdorf would like to do a revised Ordinance to have the speed limit on CTH W be 25 mph from W. Beckert Rd. to 380' East of Pamela Lane. The prior ordinances will be sent to Diane Meulemans, Corporation Counsel, for her review in drafting a new ordinance.

Discussion regarding Ordinance for speed restriction on CTH B. Mr. Beyersdorf brought this Ordinance to the Highway Committee due to the current detour, because of work being performed on STH 54, and because of some complaints about speed. The previous Waupaca County Highway Engineering Specialist, did a traffic study on CTH B in August 2013 and it was determined that the speed of 35 mph was accurate. There was nothing more to show that the speed limit should be lowered. Mr. Beyersdorf had County Highway employees put flags on the speed limit/detour signs for added visibility regarding the speed limit on that road.

Equipment Use Policy. Mr. Beyersdorf addressed the Highway Committee about the current equipment use policy and the fact that we would need to change the policy due to the County insurance policy and the advice of Corporation Counsel, Diane Meulemans. Corporation Counsel and Mr. Beyersdorf will draft something to have the Highway Committee approve.

All Traffic Solutions. Mr. Beyersdorf showed the Highway Committee information regarding solar powered, digital speed limit signs that he would like to purchase from All Traffic Solutions. The signs would be put up in areas where there are speeding complaints as well as construction areas to show vehicles the rate of their speed.

Motion: Supervisor McClone moved and Supervisor Much seconded the motion to approve the purchase of three All Traffic Solution signs. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Thiel Pit Updates. Corporation Counsel, Diane Meulemans reported to the Committee that since their last meeting, the Town of Little Wolf may appeal and has a maximum of 90 days to do so. Currently we are having American Asphalt draft the transfer of reclamation permit which will save the County any additional attorney fees.

New Highway facility update – Boundary survey. Mr. Beyersdorf stated that Kyle Fischer, Engineering Specialist, would be starting the boundary surveying next week for the new facility property in order to annex it. A presentation by Heidi Dombrowski, Finance Director, at the Finance Committee meeting this week showed that the tax rate per \$100,000. of assessed value of a dwelling is estimated around \$7.00 per year.

Personnel. Three LTE positions were done working this summer. Human Resources is working on a resolution to add an additional Equipment Technician.

Mr. Beyersdorf reviewed the Commissioner's Report and gave the Committee an update on Project Activities, financial reports, and important dates before the next Committee meeting.

Motion: Supervisor Jonely moved and Supervisor Much seconded to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried without a negative vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue Popham, Highway Office Specialist

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