

Waukesha County Board of Supervisors

Minutes of the Public Works Committee Thursday, June 15, 2023

Chair Hammitt called the meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

Present: Supervisors James Batzko, Darryl Enriquez, Joel Gaughan, Keith Hammitt, Christine Howard, Darlene Johnson and Richard Morris.

Also Present: Legislative Policy Advisor Sarah Fraley, Chief of Staff Sarah Spaeth, Administrative Specialist Barbara Hollander, Chairman Paul Decker, Facilities Manager Shane Waeghe, Engineering Services Manager Karen Braun, Senior Civil Engineer Matthew Cowap, Civil Engineer Ryan Hilgendorf, Business Manager Rhiannon Cupkie, Budget Manager Bill Duckwitz, Financial Analyst Willem Weigel, Waukesha Metro Transit Manager Brian Engelking, Supervisor Larry Bangs, Director of Public Works Allison Bussler, Highway Operations Manager Hans Guderyon, members of the public: Alexandria Backes, Brett Kash, Rick Petfalski (City of Muskego Mayor)

Public Comment

Alexandria Backes – She is in the process of seeking a location to start an events venue business. She intends to purchase the excess right-of-way from Waukesha County to use for dedicated parking for her new business. She has done independent appraisals as has Waukesha County. The result was two very similar values for the property, and she put in an offer at the higher of the two values. She has a business plan for the present and a solution for the vacant building and parking lot. She hopes the City of Muskego, Waukesha County and residents will benefit from her business and joining the community.

City of Muskego Mayor Rick Petfalski – The building was listed for sale 7 months ago. In April, there was a potential buyer that came to the city to talk about doing something similar to what Ms. Backes is proposing to do. The city at that time had concerns allowing use of that building because of the amount of available parking. The city had been using the lot owned by Waukesha County as an extension of an existing city-owned parking lot that is there. Between the two properties, there are about 26 parking stalls. When the city was looking into it, they realized that the lease with the county lapsed many years ago. They approached the county at that time about renewing a lease or if they could actually buy it. They were leasing it for a dollar a year and their initial offer was to buy it for a dollar. The city was shown the statute that says the property had to be sold at fair market value. On June 1, the city received a letter from the county stating that there was an accepted offer on the parcel. He asked that the county tap the brakes on this. In his opinion, the parking lot is not only essential for that building, but also essential for the redevelopment of the whole Janesville Road section there. He stated that that site is not zoned and will never be zoned to allow an event space and the buyer is aware of that. If the parcel is sold, the additional parking on city land would get blocked off and her parking needs would actually be cut in half.

Approve Minutes of May 11

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Johnson to approve the minutes of May 11. Motion carried 7-0

Next Meeting Date

July 13

Executive Committee Report from May 15

Hammitt reported that the Committee approved four ordinances, including the Thomas farm property ordinances that were referred back to committee after the April County Board meeting.

Announcements

July 13 Public Works meeting will be held at the Waukesha County Airport

Legislative Update

Fraley reported the shared revenue has made it through both houses. Nothing has changed for Waukesha from the original proposal, so Waukesha will be receiving an additional \$3.2 million on top of the current \$636,000. The Joint Finance Committee is meeting this week with the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, Health and Human Services and Department of Military Affairs.

Discuss And Consider Bid for The Courthouse Project Step 2 - Renovate 1959 Courthouse - Capital Project #201705

Waeghe presented that bids were procured for four additional work categories. This scope of work represents 3.6% of the total project budget of \$113,800,000. Gilbane Building Company (the overseeing contractor) recommends award of the contracts to the lowest responsible bidders as detailed in the bid tabulation report that was provided. The recommended companies have identified that they can complete the work within the county's schedule, completed the non-collusion affidavit, and demonstrated sufficient qualification and responsibility for this project.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Howard to approve the bids for the Courthouse Project Step 2 – Renovate 1959 Courthouse – Capital Project #201705. Motion carried 7-0

Discuss And Consider Ordinance 178-O-024 Modify Speed Zone On County Trunk Highway B From County Trunk Highway P To Pabst Road

Braun and Cowap presented that this ordinance will modify the existing speed limit to be 35 MPH along both directions of County Trunk Highway B from the centerline of County Trunk Highway P to Pabst Road in the Village of Summit.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Enriquez to approve Ordinance 178-O-024. Motion carried 7-0

Discuss And Consider Ordinance 178-O-023 Create A Parking Regulation For CTH ES In The Village Of Mukwonago

Braun and Hilgendorf presented that this ordinance creates a NO PARKING ANYTIME zone along both sides of CTH ES from the centerline of Front Street to a point 120 feet North of Front Street in the Village of Mukwonago to accommodate the construction of a pedestrian crosswalk.

An amendment was distributed that adds language requested by Johnson to address concerns by the business owner over the loss of parking at this intersection.

Lines 36-37 are added:

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this ordinance is contingent on crosswalk facilities being constructed by the Village of Mukwonago on CTH ES near the intersection with Front Street.

Johnson is going to work with the business owner and Village of Mukwonago to see if a crosswalk is wanted in this section and the amendment clarifies that the No Parking only goes into effect if they build a crosswalk.

MOTION: Johnson moved, second by Enriquez to approve the amendment brought forward by Johnson. Motion carried 7-0

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Enriquez to postpone Ordinance 178-O-023 to the next Public Works meeting on July 13. Motion rescinded by Morris.

MOTION: Morris moved, second by Gaughan to approve Ordinance 178-O-023 as amended. Motion carried 7-0

Discuss And Consider Ordinance 178-O-025 Sale Of Excess Right-Of-Way At CTH L In The City Of Muskego

Braun presented that this ordinance authorizes the sale of vacant, excess highway right-of-way to the adjacent owner on CTH L (Janesville Road) in the City of Muskego to Alexandria Backes, in the amount of \$35,500, under the condition that she purchases the adjacent property located at S66 W14523 Janesville Road prior to closing this approved sale. Braun stated that the county acquired the property during the widening of Janesville Road project. It is not the policy of the county to hold on to property, rather the county works to put it back on the tax rolls. Public Works has openly communicated with the city about buying the property, sharing the statues requiring the county to be compensated at least market rate and finally that the county had an offer. As of the committee meeting the county never heard back from the city.

Hammitt stated that staff change-over at the city resulted in this falling through the cracks. He was advised by Corporation Counsel that it would not be proper to postpone this sale to give the city an opportunity to enter into negotiations with the county, and therefore he was going to vote no.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Morris to approve Ordinance 178-O-025. Motion carried 6-1 (Hammitt voted no)

Informal Presentation on Speed and Traffic Studies

Cowap gave a presentation on speed and traffic studies, which included addressing constituent concerns, statutory and regulatory speed limit authority, setting reasonable and rational speed limits, speed studies, collecting and analyzing data, and the reasons drivers slow. Braun presented an overview of frequently asked questions regarding restricting truck traffic, truck braking, special signage, and condemnation of private property for sidewalks and paths.

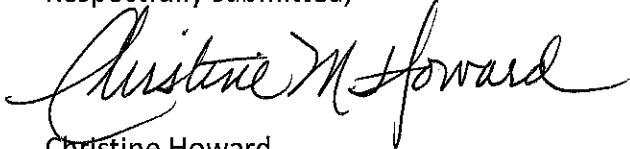
Update on Paratransit Contract

Cupkie and Engelking presented that the paratransit contract was set to end April 30, but the committee granted the department a 6-month extension while they studied the route. Paratransit is an on-demand service that you have to be eligible to receive for those physically unable to ride the

bus. Ridership has dropped 90% and there are currently only four regular riders. Public Works staff said two riders are eligible for other services. The department is proposing the county end service on October 31 and grandfather in the four riders to receive transit assistance from the county through 2024. The goal is to provide time for a transition to other solutions. The county can evaluate how the transition is going for the four riders in 2024. In July, Public Works Committee will have a public hearing to end the paratransit route.

MOTION: Howard moved, second by Johnson to adjourn at 10:45 a.m. Motion carried 7-0

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Christine M. Howard". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Christine Howard
Secretary - Public Works Committee