

HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

DATE OF MEETING: Wednesday, July 9, 2014

COMMITTEE: Highway

CHAIRMAN: William Bostwick

MEMBERS PRESENT: William Bostwick, Richard Hurlbert, Arlene Bonacci, Jim Jansen and Pete Pennington.

MEMBERS ABSENT: None.

ALSO PRESENT: Commissioner Rusch, Patrol Superintendent Washatko, Office Manager Wells, Corporation Counsel Stowe, Pat Girtz, Larry Schisel and Ed and Deb Donavan.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bostwick at 7:30 a.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVE AGENDA/MINUTES:

Chairman Bostwick asked for additions to the agenda. There were none. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried. Motion by Jansen, second by Hurlbert, to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2014 meeting. Motion carried.

DISCUSS ATV ROUTE REQUEST FROM WOLF RIVER RIDERS ATV CLUB, ON CTH "T", FROM MIKE MISCHLER LOGGING ROAD TO STH "55":

The Wolf River Riders ATV Club has requested designating a 1.8 mile portion of CTH "T" as an ATV route. Commissioner Rusch has researched the request and discussed it with the Forestry Department per our policy. The proposed route does not connect existing trail segments; it connects an existing business at the corner of CTH "T" and STH "55" with the existing trail system. Commissioner Rusch expressed concerns due to the high traffic counts on this road, and its high volume of large truck traffic. Committee policy requires that alternate trails be pursued before a highway route will be approved. The Commissioner felt that alternate trail locations were a possibility based on discussions with some landowners in the area. One key landowner is the Boy Scout Camp. Pat Girtz explained that in previous discussions, the Boy Scout Camp was opposed to running a trail through their property. Based on his phone call, Commissioner Rusch feels the Boy Scout Camp may be willing to consider a trail along the perimeter of their property, and encouraged the ATV Club to discuss the possibility with them at the Boy Scout Camp's July 12th Board meeting. Commissioner Rusch recommends denying this request or tabling it to allow the ATV Club to pursue alternate trail locations. The Highway Committee will table this request until the ATV Club has an opportunity to pursue alternate trail locations.

DISCUSS THE WHITE LAKE GARAGE BUILDING AND PROPERTY:

The Highway Department has been renting the White Lake garage to the Village of White Lake since February of 2013. Office Manager Wells received a letter from the Village of White Lake stating that as of August 1, 2014 they no longer want to rent the garage, but would like first chance to purchase the building if the Highway Department ever decides to sell it. The Highway Department has no use for the garage and Office Manager Wells recommends putting the garage and land for sale and advertise for bids. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to advertise for bids for the White Lake garage and land after the Village of White Lake vacates the property. Motion carried.

REVIEW/APPROVE ANNUAL WINTER BLADE QUOTATIONS:

QTY	SIZE	VALK	GRAY'S, INC./	WAUSAU	D.A.
		MFR	BRAUER SUPPLY	STEEL	MACPHERSON
220	5/8" - 7/8" X 8" X 5' (red)	n/a	\$19,987.00	n/a	\$19,628.40
220	5/8" - 7/8" X 8" X 6' (red)	n/a	\$23,984.40	n/a	\$23,636.80
40	5/8" X 7/8" X 8" x 7' (red)	n/a	\$5,087.60	n/a	\$5,014.40
SUBTOTAL			\$49,059.00		\$48,279.60
80	5/8" X 8" X 8' (wing)	\$7,016.80	\$8,102.40	\$9,304.00	\$7,784.80
140	5/8" X 8" X 12' (plow)	\$18,419.80	\$21,268.80	\$23,209.20	\$20,435.80
TOTAL		\$25,436.60	\$78,430.20	\$32,513.20 + FUEL SURCHARGE .75/cwt	\$76,500.20

Motion by Jansen, second by Hurlbert, to purchase the curved blades from D.A. MacPherson for the low quoted price of \$48,279.60 and the flat blades from Valk Mfr. for the low quoted price of \$25,436.60, for a total cost of \$73,716.20. Motion carried.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:00 A.M., MOVE INTO CLOSED SESSION PURSUANT TO WI. STATUTE 19.85(1)(G) TO DISCUSS THE RIGHT OF WAY ACQUISITION ON CTH "B", FROM USH "45" TO STH "52":

Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to move into closed session at 8:05 a.m. By individual vote of the Committee; all ayes.

AT APPROXIMATELY 8:15 A.M., RETURN TO OPEN SESSION WITH POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANY MATTER DISCUSSED DURING CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to move out of closed session at 8:29 a.m. Motion carried.

Motion by Hurlbert, second by Pennington, to settle the CTH B right of way issue as determined in closed session. Motion carried.

DISCUSS MACHINERY, SHOP AND REPAIRS:

Routine repairs in the shop continue. We are doing seasonal and preventative maintenance on trucks. Routine maintenance on the cone and jaw work on the crusher was done and the crusher was relocated from the lower part to the upper part of the Doucette pit to crush gravel for the CTH "B" project. The hydraulic drive on the paver was repaired. We did a significant repair to the sub frame on truck #77; the underside of the dump box had a corroded bracket which failed where the hoist cylinder attaches.

DISCUSS HIGHWAY OPERATIONS:

Pavement marking continues. We have a couple more culvert replacements to complete. We are mowing on County and State roads and patching and brushing as needed. Crushing gravel at the Doucette pit continues. We are half way done with the large gravel haul for the Forestry Department on the Wolf River State Trail. Paving projects for the County and Towns will start in mid July. We have received approved projects from the Towns of Rolling, Neva, Peck and Antigo and estimates have been submitted for numerous Town projects. The June budget report was distributed.

APPROVE RIGHT OF WAY PAYMENT REQUESTS FOR CTH “B”, FROM USH “45 TO STH “52:

Motion by Jansen, second by Hurlbert, to approve right of way payment request for Parcel # 55. Motion carried.

APPROVE PERFORMANCE BASED MAINTENANCE (PBM) CONTRACT FOR LANGLADE COUNTY TO PERFORM CRACK-SEALING WORK FOR DOT ON STH 64:

Commissioner Rusch explained the Performance Based Maintenance pilot project for certain maintenance work for DOT. Langlade County has been selected to participate on a 6-mile crack sealing job on STH “64”, and has provided unit prices for labor and material. Motion by Pennington, second by Bonacci, to approve and sign the Performance Based Maintenance (PBM) contract with the DOT for crack sealing on STH “64”for \$32,094.68. Motion carried.

DISCUSS POLICY FOR COUNTY BRIDGE/CULVERT AID TO TOWNSHIPS:

When the Committee was considering requests for County Bridge Aid earlier this year, the Committee agreed that a policy should be established to provide guidance to both the Committee and Towns, when dealing with future requests. State Statutes provide general guidance, but not enough detail. Commissioner Rusch presented a preliminary policy for discussion, and explained key elements to the Committee. The Committee members will study the proposed policy and this will be put on the next agenda for any changes and for approval.

DISCUSS LONG TERM PLANNING/ECONOMIC CONDITIONS:

The Commissioner, Office Manager, and Highway Committee discussed long term planning/economic conditions, and factors that impact the Highway Department budget; including past policy decisions which may need to be re-visited. No action to be taken at this time; the department staff will provide additional information at the August meeting for continued discussion and possible action.

ADJOURN MEETING:

Motion by Bonacci, second by Hurlbert, to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m. Motion carried.

Arlene Bonacci, Secretary