

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES**

July 11, 2011
6:30 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dave Soeldner
Jason Sladky (arrived at 6:48)
Jim Brey
Alex Olson (left at 7:30)
Allan Schema

STAFF PRESENT

Val Mellon
Greg Minikel
Sonja Birr
Randy Junk

OTHERS

Jim Kocian, 4917 Nicyssa Ln
Jerry Gospodarek, 1309 Oriole Dr
Eugene Baratons, 1317 Oriole Dr
Harvey Yindra, 1704 Lilac Dr
John Wachtl, 1315 Oriole Dr
Debra Wachtl, 1315 Oriole Dr
Jim Toerpe, 1649 Mirro Dr
Ed Willert, 1925 Cappaert
Norman Oestreich, 4731 Plank Rd
Leonard Slager, 2016 N. Rapids
Ethel Slager, 2016 N. Rapids
Joan Schanke, 4816 Plank Rd
Donald Schanke, 4816 Plank Rd
Michael Check, 9140 Hilltop Rd
Claude Barta, 1933 Cappaert

Approval of the Minutes from 6/27/11

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the June 27, 2011 meeting. A. Olson seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Discussion and possible action regarding closure of Plank Road

D. Soeldner gave a brief background on what was discussed at the last meeting. Part of Plank Rd is in the City and the other portion is in the Town of Rapids. The Town of Rapids is not able to maintain or improve their portion of the road. There was a decision made at the last meeting to close the road. However, since this decision was made, they have been contacted by property owners voicing their concerns.

D. Korte said this was a temporary closure with their tight budget and they were going to see what the public wanted.

J. Sladky said the City currently plows the road.

The residents that were present were unhappy that they weren't invited to a public meeting to discuss closure of Plank Road. There is inadequate signage and very confusing to traffic.

D. Soeldner explained that the Town of Rapids can close the road as it is not in the City of Manitowoc. The City didn't close their portion of the road. J. Brey agreed that the City does not have any say on closure of the Town of Rapids road.

D. Korte said that the Town of Rapids will re-visit and will be included on their agenda for the meeting to be held in August.

The residents said that the road is traveled frequently. G. Minikel explained the 16 hour traffic counts that were done at the Plank Rd. and Rapids Road intersection in 2008 and the traffic count for the Plank Rd. leg of the intersection was approx. 400 vehicles.

Mr. Barta asked what the law is for closing public right-of-way. The public should be made aware of this. G. Minikel said that there is no intention of vacating right-of-way where a public meeting would be required. The road would eventually re-open some day when the farm fields would develop into residential.

Discussion and possible action on drainage issue on Southeast corner of Mirro and Oriole Drive

G. Minikel explained that this is a private drainage issue. There were complaints back in 2008 where the City looked to hire Vinton to install a storm sewer stub from Mirro Dr. to the property line; however, the costs came in quite high (\$23,000). This would have been done before Mirro was paved with asphalt by the County. This is a private drainage issue and there is a low spot in the rear yards that is causing the properties to flood.

D. Soeldner asked if paving Mirro Drive changed anything. G. Minikel stated that the paving did not cause the flooding or make it worse. The flooding problem was already existing prior to the 2008 asphalt paving. It was only a 2-3 inch asphalt overlay, so the drainage pattern did not change.

Mr. Gospodarek was present and said that the Fire Dept is usually there pumping out water for 2 days. This flooding occurs every Spring and during very heavy rain events. They are taking extreme measures to keep water from potentially flooding into their basements. He feels the houses that were built 30 years ago on Mirro Drive has caused the flooding problems.

Mr. Wachtl was present and distributed pictures to show the flooding problems they are having.

They would be happy with any help they can get as this is bringing down the value of their properties.

The Engineering Dept. typically takes care of issues within the Right-of-Way and private property issues are usually handled by the Building Inspection Dept. G. Minikel was questioning whether or not there was a drainage plat for the lots and whether or not it was followed.

Mr. Wachtl also discussed the existing 4 inch drain pipe that was installed by the abutting neighbors about 30 years ago that runs between 1315 and 1317 Oriole Road and it is apparent that the old pipe is

blocked/plugged. The City does not have any way to clean or televise a 4 inch pipe.

D. Soeldner said that typically we don't handle private property drainage issues; but since the Fire Dept. has been involved we should consider a more permanent solution to keep from continuing to rely on the Fire Dept to pump it out.

J. Sladky said that he feels that perhaps the 6" lateral pipe has failed. Mr. Gospodarek clarified that he believes it was a 4" pipe and was installed by the property owners.

G. Minikel said that if there was a functioning pipe, the water shouldn't be standing. J. Sladky explained that due to the small pipe diameter the cameras wouldn't be able to make it through the full length of the pipe to determine blockage. Randy Junk clarified that our jetter would also not work due to the same reason. G. Minikel said a dye could be used to determine if the drain is still working.

After further discussion, D. Soeldner said that he would like Building Inspection to take a look and see if they can determine the blockage.

*****Engineering met with Jim Muenzenmeyer from Building Inspection and determined that it is a "private" backyard drainage issue and if the residents would like to install a new lateral pipe from the low spot to the property line, then the City will connect it to the storm sewer.*****

Discussion and possible action regarding the drainage issue on the west end of Knuell Court

J. Sladky said that the water from the backyards drains over the sidewalk. This occurs all winter and spring. G. Minikel said the cul-de-sac is flat; however, he thought that by installing a pipe behind the sidewalk and draining into the storm sewer would solve the problem. However, this work would cost approximately \$10,000 and would only include the work within the right-of-way.

J. Brey brought up the issue on site plans and drainage designs. We seem to be having more of these issues with the development of subdivisions.

G. Minikel explained that the normal drainage comes from the backyards over the sidewalk and the curb. This area is only an issue in the winter months.

R. Junk said that there are numerous other similar areas within the City that has drainage concerns as well.

J. Sladky will contact the property owners to find out their interests and report back.

Discussion and possible action of the 5-Year plan on the new sidewalks (2012-2016)

D. Soeldner said that the N. 8th Street and Michigan Avenue sidewalks will be paid through a Federal Grant (Safe Routes to School).

J. Sladky expressed his lack of interest in putting sidewalks on Magnolia Avenue. G. Minikel said that it links to existing sidewalk in 2 areas.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the 5-Year Sidewalk plan as submitted. A. Schema seconded the motion. (4-Ayes; 1-Nay (J. Sladky)).

No further discussion, motion carried.

Discussion and possible action on the 2012 projects and the 5-year plan (2012-2016)

The Committee accepted the letter that was submitted by Bartow Builders to request delaying concrete paving in the Woodridge Subd. No. 8.

G. Minikel stated that he has moved the Woodridge Subd. No. 8 paving to 2014.

G. Minikel also discussed projects that there added or changed since the Committee discussed the 5 year plan on June 27th. One of the major changes was S. 9th St. from Green St. to the RR Tracks. This segment should be completely reconstructed with concrete and not an asphalt overlay, since the underlying pavement is concrete and the asphalt will see reflecting crack from the old concrete joints.

The Committee questioned the stormwater ponds and land acquisition for stormwater ponds in 2012-2013. G. Minikel reminded the Committee that we applied for UNPS DNR Grants and if the grants are approved, then we would need to complete the work in 2012 and/or 2013. If we do not get approved for the grants, then those projects may be delayed. The Committee felt that the City should not build any new ponds if the State is backing off on the mandate, grant money or not.

G. Minikel also discussed the repainting of the 10th Street Bridge that will be required within the next 3-5 years and the need for sidewalk replacements on the north side of the Manitowoc River (York, Buffalo & Chicago St.) from N. 7th to N. 10th Street.

J. Brey made a motion to approve the 5-year plan. J. Sladky seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

Mike Check will be present with their Attorney at the next meeting and requested that Juliana Ruenzel, City Attorney be present as well for

discussion of Stormwater ponds being taken over by the City developer at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Handwritten signature of Valerie Mellon, P.E. in cursive script, underlined.

Valerie Mellon, P.E.
Director of Public Works
and City Engineer