

MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 6, 2023 – 9:00 A.M.
HIGHWAY COMMITTEE OF OCONTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
301 WASHINGTON STREET, COURTHOUSE BUILDING “A” ROOM #3041
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(Draft minutes not approved by committee)

COMMITTEE PRESENT: Elmer Ragen, David Behrend, David Christianson, Robert Wolf, Joel Lavarda

ABSENT: None

OTHERS PRESENT: Brandon Hytinen, Vanessa Hasenberg, Al Sleeter, Todd Skarban, Erik Pritzl, Beth Ellingson, Lori Witthuhn and Jeff Folts – Town of Morgan

1. Call to Order

Chair Christianson called the meeting to order at 9 am.

2. Approval of Agenda

2.1 Change of Sequence – None.

2.2 Removal of Items – None.

Motion by Wolf/Ragen to approve the agenda. The motion was voted and carried.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting(s)

Motion by Lavarda/Behrend to approve the June 8, 2023 minutes. The motion was voted and carried.

4. Review Prior Months Vendor Payments

Vendor payments were discussed.

5. Communications

-Notice of Public Hearing – Variance request for vision triangle requirement on CTH-G at Kelly Lake. Hytinen recommended to Virtues to prohibit any structures or equipment in the vision triangle.

-Hytinen approved request from Civics Club & City of Gillett to detour CTH-BB for parade on July 4th.

-Hytinen approved request from Crooked Lake Fire Department to stop and detour CTH-W for parade on July 1, 2023 in Crooked Lake.

6. ATV Route Request

Request received from Town of Chase for ATV/UTV route on CTH-C from N. Brown County Line Road to CTH-D in Sampson. Hytinen showed area on map. Discussion followed on elevation, speed limit, average daily traffic count, and curves with no concerns. Skarban stated he has no issues with this segment. Witthuhn questioned liability and fee process. Motion by Wolf/Behrend to approve opening the requested segment for ATV/UTV use. The motion was voted and carried.

7. CTH-S Detour Request

Email received from Bellin Heath Oconto Fitness Facilitator to use segment of CTH-S from CTH-Y to Superior Avenue on August 13, 2023 for a run/walk/bike event. City of Oconto will provide traffic control. Motion by Lavarda/Ragen to allow use of route as requested. The motion was voted and carried.

8. CTH-K Driveway Variance Request

Letter received from Josh Blaser requesting a driveway variance on Dave Peitersen's property on CTH-K. Driveway permit request was initially denied due to spacing and frequency requirements. Hytinen showed map of site and applicable items on ordinance that impact decision – Item C) Purpose and Intent, and Item J) Spacing and Frequency. Discussion followed on frequency of use and the need for a site inspection to verify any culvert requirements. Motion by Wolf/Lavarda to approve variance request. The motion was voted and carried.

9. Equipment Update

-Sign truck is currently being worked on at Monroe Truck Equipment.

-F550 was delivered on Monday.

-Prices received from Packer City for 2024 tri-axles with an 11% increase over 2023.

10. Roadwork Update

- Pavement marking taking place on US 41 south of Abrams
- Pulverizing/paving work taking place on town roads.
- Concrete repair crew working on 4-lanes
- Mowing on state roads to meet WisDOT deadline of July 15. Granted extra time to mow USH 41, will start once construction project is completed.

11. Staffing Update

- Interviews took place for operator openings. Two applicants have accepted, offers pending on background checks and physicals.
- Three interviews to take place next week for additional operator openings.

12. Announcements/General Information/Guests (No action to be taken)

- Hytinen gave update on driveway permit issued on CTH-S. Driveway was permitted due to wetland variance overriding driveway ordinance.
- Hytinen discussed Governor Evers signed budget which gives a 2% increase in GTA's (General Transportation Aides) as well as a 2% increase to Routine Maintenance Agreement (RMA).
- State patrol and Oconto County Sheriff Department presence during concrete repair slows traffic greatly and increases number of drivers that move over. Hytinen thanked Skarban for help in keeping our crews safe. Skarban discussed placing speed boards at the start of construction zones which have been known to slow traffic as well.

13. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 10, 2023, at 9 am in the County Board room.

14. Adjournment

Chair Christianson declared meeting adjourned at 10:15 am.

Vanessa Hasenberg

Recorder

Date Posted: July 11, 2023