

Minutes
Town of Oshkosh

Informational Meeting – March 4, 2019 - 6:00 p.m. – Town Hall

PRESENT: Chair Jim Erdman, Supervisor Matt Merten, Treasurer Laura Hunt, Clerk Jeannette Merten, and audience of 12.

Chair Erdman called meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

General Engineering project manager Jerry Foellmi and staff engineer Lukasz Lyzwa presented a preliminary Winnebago Area Utility Service Feasibility Study.

Jerry Foellmi opened saying the purpose of this meeting is to be a working and talking session. The preliminary feasibility study was presented by visual projection on a large screen for the audience discussing and explaining points in the study. The study was based on replacing the sewer and water infrastructure and road returned to status quo. It was also mentioned that the study presented is a developing plan subject to changes either learned during this meeting or in the future. It is a process that takes time to work through all the details.

Some topics yet to figure out are the fire hydrants already existing. Jerry said he believes they were placed in the past for fire protection. Supervisor Merten mentioned it could likely mean the need for flushing also. Josh Koontz said the town volunteer fire department is restricted and not allowed to use city fire hydrants. The town has its own pumper and has means for hauling water for fire protection. It will yet to be determine whether the hydrants are necessary, but likely they will be.

Stormwater how it current exists on Bulter is it runs in the curb of the street to ditching on Sherman. Possible thoughts could be installing storm sewers and where would it connect could be complicated. Complying with MS4 standards is the goal and this too will need to be figured out. This is the only road in the town that has curb and gutter which was not originally install by the town. The option of installing storm sewers would add to the overall cost and was not figured into the preliminary numbers. There may be opportunities in the backside north of Butler of an existing ditch that had filled-in. Road could be reverted to town standards with ditches/swales as another option. What to do with sidewalks was another question. All these items will still need to be worked out.

The possibilities of lead pipes and laterals are very likely due to the approx. 80-year old infrastructure and Foellmi explain possible funding options to assist the property owners from road to house as in low-interest loans.

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45 Overall, several property owners either provided new or verified information
46 to the engineers on existing layout, history, and their opinions on a
47 direction.

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49 The solution appears to be creating a Winnebago Sanitary District and going
50 forward in that direction. Foellmi briefed the property owners of the process
51 to set up the commission and their responsibilities.

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53 Legal agreement(s) in principal with the City of Oshkosh must be in place
54 before a creation of a sanitary district.

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56 Being that the estimate is over the \$1 million CDBG designated funding,
57 Erdman intends to make a request for the need of more than a million of
58 CDBG funding in order to relieve the State of Wisconsin from the utility
59 business.

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61 Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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Jeannette Merten
Town of Oshkosh Clerk