

Town of Ahnapee
May 10, 2021
Monthly Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Tom Stoller, Gary Paape, Shelly Anderson, Ken Graves, Phil Steffen, Zoning Administrator Russ Stoller

Citizen: Sandy Johnson, Todd Every – Kewaunee County Highway

Roll Call: - Tom Stoller

Call to Order: Tom Stoller

Agenda – Tom – I made changes to the agenda

- Motion to approve amended agenda
- Ken / Gary Second

April Meeting – Tom – will review April's meeting at next month's meeting

- Treasurer's report
- Tom – motion to approve
- Ken – motion to approve as printed

Sheriff – No Sheriff present

Todd Every – County Highway

- Congrats to new members
- Opportunity to introduce myself and services to new Board members
- Look for protocols for emergency situations – things that we used to call Gary before we will now call Tom. Manure, culverts, trees down, etc.
- I haven't texted you my info yet, but I've got a copy of yours.

Tom- regarding bridge in Bremmerville – Gary will continue to spearhead this.

Todd – he's got a lot of history with this.

- Any questions as to where the bridge stands?

Tom – no, I think we are up to date with this.

Gary – told the board its going out for bids end of year, first part of January.

Todd

- If it has to do with fish – it won't be till after June 15th. It's a pretty basic bridge in the end even though it's on a curve – still staying in the right of way – maybe temporary easements we don't know of yet – no buying of any right of way.
- Limited amount of work on either sidej for approaches (50') build bridges and pave approaches. Should go fairly quickly. We also have two other bridges in the county, they should be 6-9

Gary – blacktop approaches on bridge – are they going to dig them or mill them?

Todd – saw cut at the end of the project and dig out and put good base back in and set up for paving

Gary – reason I asked – board has talked about repairing some of the blacktop on the west side of the bridge – it's bad in there – don't know the amount of feet

Todd- certainly can coordinate this

Gary – thinking of the removal of this

Todd – will only take the 50’.

Gary- correct

Todd – will do whatever the town will want, we can do some estimates and how far you wish to go. May also want to Dave from Parks about this. Told Dave he should be looking at putting some gravel in the parking lot as well. If you want to do some paving whatever it is – ¼ mile or 100 feet -whatever it is, that would be the time to do it. Just take off the surface to the west and have it all one surface.

Gary – yes that is what we had previously talked about doing something there – all we have been doing is patching holes.

Tom – I assume since you are already there, we get the friends and neighbor project?

Todd – yes – absolutely, the friends and neighbor’s project. Some of this could be built into the bridge project.

Sandy – you said you are looking at gravel along the parking lot, the fencing in the park is just rotting away as well.

Todd – that would be the parks department, I will certainly mention this to him.

Tom – thank you for coming

Gary – I did talk to Tom about this issue on Taft Lane. Kenny, you have a copy of this, correct?

Todd – maybe for your scenario

Gary – can’t really do a lot about it because it’s not on the agenda, but give us a description.

Todd – Taft and CTH M

- Received a call from Denamur (NE corner of intersection) questioning why the water sheets off into the grade of their lawn (below road grade).
- Question about the water after looking at the situation and going back and doing research (copies I provided to you to look at). Not sure why it was built this way and why we didn’t put more curb and gutter – sheets from middle of hill N/NE towards their house.
- Two projects – one extended curb and gutter around corner of Taft (wrapping stop sign and just past it). Now water sheets and gets into the lawn and at point have problems with this. High ground water and saturated soils probably doesn’t percolate well.
- Basically some improvements could be done – extending curb and gutter, both on Taft and north on CTH M. The 2nd resident ends at the beginning of his driveway. I don’t have the name of that resident. Mead I believe? The water coming down the hill on quite a slope sheets across their driveway and into their lawn. From a Highway side – we could address some of this. ON the Taft side – catching the water and grabbing some curb and gutter on the N side of road and an inlet to the east and putting it in a culvert and dropping it into a drainage on the south side. I think why Gary wanted me to come here I think that there is some county and some town parts to this. I was hoping we can discuss this in the near future to see what if anything can be done

Tom – we can certainly look into this.

Todd – homeowner doesn't believe the government gets anything done. So maybe we can work on this.

Tom- we can certainly discuss this.

Gary – I would ask as a Supervisor probably the best thing for you guys to throw some cost estimate on the project and then would have an idea of total costs. What our expenses would be for curbing, paving and culvert and paving over. So we would have a number so if Tom decides to put on agenda? Are you still thinking about running a multiple curb through the intersection?

Todd- Running multiple curb through intersection along M and drive it North to extended curb and whatever would sheet across it would be caught by the other curb – we can look at it, but would like to have some consultation with the engineers we work with. An example is in Casco – 4th and C.

Gary – couple other questions – number 9 (stop sign on birch) and number 12 (cutting ditches). It might be easier now than after.

Tom – we received (regard to ditch cutting) from Todd and since we need this done this year and it consists of a 1st cut (10') for \$2300 and a 2nd cut from edge of road to fence for \$6600. I think we are satisfied with what the county is doing and if there are no questions I would as for a motion to approve.

- Gary – motion to approve 1st cut for \$2300 and 2nd cut for approximately \$6600 cause sometime we don't cut to fence.
- Tom – it's an estimate
- Ken – second
- Tom – motion carried

Tom – discussion on stop sign at Birch and Fremont

- Spoke with the Sheriff and he's against a yield sign on T intersection. Stated yield signs mostly designed for slow speed intersections in municipal areas. He stated he could discuss this further. That's why I've got it up for discussion and to not take action tonight. Since we have Todd here – do you have any input?
- Todd – have had a casual contact with Mr. Paape, but I will say there are no other yield signs of this type of road
- Sandy – what about the stop sign on Fremont. I keep hearing that nobody is stopping at the stop sign.
- Gary – we had all, I should say a large number signed a petition asking for the stop sign to be changed to Birch road because that's the end of the T. I believe there might have been a yield. At that point I talked to Todd Every, the Sheriff and highway safety commission and asked their opinion. They all felt the safest was to put the stop on Birch road because you have to slow to make the T. The other way was a straight run and I agree it's coming from a dead end – that was their recommendation and why we went in this direction. It's been change since 2015, so it's been that way for 6 years. I'm not saying your wrong, but this is the reason we went this direction.
- Sandy – I just thought we could try to get it changed.

- Gary – I agree – it makes more sense to have it on the straight through run way. It makes sense if you make a right or left to make the stop. I know people were not happy that we changed it. I think we did our homework, but if we change it now, we may have others complaining if we change it. The issue is if there is an accident and they went through the stop sign – someone is at fault. If we have nothing – the town is at fault. Asked Sheriff if there was any accidents at this location – couldn't find anything.
Tom – put it on meeting for residents with Sheriff here, if he's not on board with changing it, I can't be on board with it. If you would like, I'll ask him to come to the next meeting.
Sandy – if it's not going to change, I don't know.
Tom – nothing wrong with asking and I understand people don't necessarily come to a stop.
Gary – are you asking if we have more patrol to ticket those that aren't stopping?
Sandy – people that speed through there – so much traffic that I'm not sure where they are coming from – more and more traffic.
Gary – it would require a stop sign if traffic is heavy.
Tom – one of the reasons is that I'm sure it was people (young kids) going through the ditch and you still see this.
Todd – traffic has increased in this location and I'm guessing they don't want to take the highway and a lot of times when you have extra patrols and they take speed readings, most are going reasonable speeds. I'm not saying the stop sign, they are within reasonable speeds. But when the Sheriff's get an area, they do clamp down on it.
Gary – if Tom decides to put it on the agenda or a request to put it on the agenda, we may request additional patrol and patrol for a while. Sometimes it doesn't matter.
Tom – Russ – do you have something to add.
Russ – I really don't have a problem – coming to a T – stop both ways. You can see both ways – it's wide open. I think you are right that a sign needs to be there for the town's liability.
Ken – I don't think anyone truly stops at a rural stop sign – they slow and go.
Tom – Would you like to come back to the June meeting (Sandy)
Sandy – No – it's kind of done.
Tom – if you have more info – get ahold of me Sandy.
Sandy – when is it.
Tom- 1st or 2nd Monday. June 14th at 6:30. We'll set that date. IF you have any more input get ahold of me.

Zoning – Russ Stoller

Russ – somebody wants to put a fence up. Initially they asked to go to edge of pavement. Some issues with where the right of way is. Looking at telephone poles and tree line. Right now, have chicken wire in the trees. They wish to make it look nice. I checked with the Highway.

Todd – if I have a right of way – I can get it to you.

Russ – Poles, trees and telephone boxes are all within what is current guidelines

Todd – we do have sensitive folks in this area, I will take a look at this. I do wish to put out a welcome that if you are in the area to stop by and visit. IF there is anything we can do or answer questions, we are willing to help.

Russ – some of the issues are with manufactured – the old Blahnik campground.

Question came up that by HUD definition is a manufacture home, but looking at it it's a mobile home. They have a property that is zone R1, and my first answer was that they can't do it. But digging further in, it's technically a manufactured home. It's 14' wide and not sure how long. They looked at new ones and they said there is no mobile homes. If it was prior to 1976 it could have been a mobile home. This was built in 1982, it would meet the requirements of a manufactured home and I'm not sure if we need to clarify this issue in zoning rules prior to getting the planning commission involved. It's not the greatest looking, but I don't think we can stop it as a manufactured home. So, if they decide to get a new one or move this one, I don't think I can deny it. It's not something I'd like to see moved out on the highway. I've got some research here and definitions that come out differently that what I thought. Sharon previously said no to this, but I'm not sure if I have a choice.

Tom – might I ask you to contact Brendan Robinson at Bay Lakes.

Russ – I've got a whole series of emails and the last one was to contact Bay lakes and the Towns Association on this to get an answer. Just wanted to make you guys aware of this. The current place wants it gone too – it's not the nicest something.

Gary – so you said they are looking at a new/ newer one.

Russ – They are looking, but I may have to go back and say I was wrong. I'd like to see them get a new. They want to move it from Mike Herricks. He's pushing to get rid of the old ones and get all new ones. He's trhing to get this to be a retirement park. Most of the bad ones are gone. But, I'll keep researching this, but its kind of pointing to if they wish to move, I don't have the ability to say no.

Russ – Dale Ferron -junk truck parked by his land almost to the campground. I saw him and talked to him and said it really shouldn't be there. He said he would move it. He just said it's been too wet and soft to drag it out. Dean Ferron – the neighbor he sold his former house to has issues with his storage. I went through codes and highlighted some sections – accumulation and storage of equipment– stones, wood, concrete block - unsightly. His area is zoned B1, and that does allow automotive and farm equipment repair which he is doing. Neighbor is complaining about the machinery but it is allowed under codes. The waste wood and trash, rubbish and material not produced on the property. He's got all kinds of wood from his tree cutting business. Instead of having nice piles, he dumps it all over the place – along the property line to create trouble.

Gary – is there a grade change – is the log house up higher.

Russ – it is.

Gary – So no matter how high the fence – they will still see it. I see the yellow pails

Russ – the pictures from overhead and so you can see what it looks like. I spoke with Dean on this and asked if he could pile it. It looks like he did this to cause trouble. I stated if he could start cutting it up and addressing it. I have a feeling the neighbors will be coming to see you, I'm not sure what to do about it. I've talked to him a couple of times and he's been nice, but the last time he stated let them take me to court. I just asked for him to try to make an effort. His junk car issue he moved them out of the way, but yet according to codes, we can't enforce this.

Ken – can he show that he's receiving pay for this?

Russ – he's doing some and his kid is doing repair in the shop.

Ken – so he's collecting money or something for this.

Russ – people are paying him and he's operating as a business and he does use wood for heating. Because it's B1 – he can park machinery. I'm not sure if I keep putting pressure.

Tom – if he could at least cut the woo.

Russ – yes, I keep asking.

Gary – even if he could put this into piles, it's pretty obvious that he just dumped it along the property line.

Russ – aerial shots before and after showed it was pretty neat prior to building this.

Sandy – is there an ordinance on vehicles without a plate?

Russ – yes – 3, but he's operating as a business. If there is a complaint-I'll follow up on this. So, I'll keep putting pressure on him.

Ken – how many years since he sold his home?

Russ – 2-3, he got a conditional use to build a house but he had to get rid of his junk cars. He did and moved them to a different township.

Gary – if you look at the photos, he does have some wood stacked in a reasonable area, then he decided to make the neighbors happy and spread it out a bit.

Russ – this is going to be an ongoing issue. Neighbors' big complaint is that these will bring in rodents (woodchucks, raccoons, etc.). Just wanted to make the board aware.

Gary – if it gets to the point, we may need to look at a 30, 60-day cleanup needed.

Gary – Russ had talked to me – but there have been homes broken into in the town. Painting the windows from the inside.

Russ – most serious one -they stripped all the copper out of the house. House had water damage and everything was rebuilt. Home owner lives in Madison. I've been told by Sheriff's office that a rash of burglaries on homes nobody is living. I've contacted some that I know about this.

Gary – so if you leave your house empty have the neighbor check it.

Russ – security systems are so cheap – you hook it to your internet connections – it will call your cell phone. Not everyone wants to do this, but they are taking chances.

Russ – One other one – the old Mose Pierquet place has been approved for a holding tank. Mose never had any bathroom. They are not planning on living there, but they wish to be there this summer. County approved them for this. They already have a

well. They did do test for mound system – currently it's considered part time cabin and they approved it/

Tom- American Rescue plan

Phil- we do have a DUNS number

Tom – we do need this to accept the money

Gary – I got an email saying that if you have done it do it.

Tom – Roads

- We did put out bids for seal coating
- Looking at 5 different sections – River Hills, Maple Court, Adams and Cedar Road
- Sweeping has been done in the town.
- Gary – sweeping and storm water man hole (Bremmerville) has been done.

Tom – County Board Update - Gary

- Kenny has told me of two sites that brush cutting should be considered. One is by the Lutheran cemetery - branches hanging over. Danny Haas- tree with branches hanging over. Mary Ludlum – Fremont road -l hanging over – it should be addressed.
- Options regarding the new jail facility and safety building. Not been a decision made. Lowest number is \$22 million, it started at \$38 million. If county borrows it also includes \$1million for staffing / year. I know we are looking at options on the old building – does it pay to repair this? We've talked to Door County that will hold 10 prisoners per day (5-year contract). Oconto is willing to take some. I'm not saying this is feasible but we are looking at all the options.
- highway shop -study has been done – but it's just poor timing so this will probably be put on hold. Looked at site borings – need to put a retention pond in. Rock is pretty solid there.
- On the HS side – Jeff Wisneski will be lead person on HS from Corp Council
- Broad band Issue – Bug Tussel - towers going up, I see some action on S. Issue is equipment coming from China is a major issue – should have been up and running.
- Highway – 42 paved from Manitowoc County line – Door County line this summer. Culvert pipe – will lay new product that they lay out and water activates the concrete and all will have been replaced. Started by the Hillside shop, actually raising the bridge approaches with foam and will lay new mat with this.
- I will give a report each month.

Tom – Board of Review tomorrow night from 7p-9p

- Gary – do we know if anyone is coming?
 - o Phil – I talked with Mike and neither of us has heard of anything
 - o Black Ash gun club and property at end of Washington road talked to Gary – He told them to go to open book. So maybe
- Per diem – let's get this in due to BOR tomorrow – Next Meeting June 14, 2021 6:30

Tom – motion for bills as presented

- Ken /Gary
- Motion Carries

Tom – Motion to adjourn

- Ken/Gary