

MINUTES FOR THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

**Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility
West Bend, WI**

**January 8, 2008
7:30 A.M.**

Present: Mark McCune, Donald Berchem, Charlene Brady, Lawrence Hoffman, and Chairman Daniel Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barb Villwock.

Chairman Goetz called the meeting to order and read the affidavit of posting.

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve the minutes of the meeting held December 18, 2007. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that he had issued the following permit:

1. To We Energies for installing a new gas service on the south side of CTH H approximately 235 feet west of CTH M in Fillmore

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Berchem to award the contract for the purchase of a Dodge Charger in the amount of \$17,060.00 and a Dodge Caravan in the amount of \$20,258.00 to Dodgeland of Franklin, Wisconsin, for a total of \$37,318.00. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to authorize the direct purchase of two Road Tamer 2000, 12-foot wide, 48"high, twin trip snow plows for \$10,013.00 each, two Snow Patrol DKJ, 10-foot right hand patrol wings for \$9,270.00 each, one Snow Patrol DKJ, 9-foot left hand patrol wing for \$8,000.00, and two multipurpose stainless steel dump bodies for \$33,080.00 each from Burke Truck & Equipment for a total of \$112,726.60. Motion carried.

The committee discussed a request for the installation of a "Hidden Driveway" sign on CTH K in the Town of Erin. The request was made by a citizen who lives at 2121 CTH K in the Town of Erin to the Traffic Safety Commission. The Commission reviewed the request and they referred it to the Highway Committee with a negative recommendation. A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to deny the request for the installation of the warning sign because the minimum sight distances stated in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices are exceeded. Motion carried with Ms. Brady voting no.

The committee reviewed a claim for the replacement of a septic system on parcel number 21 on our CTH A reconstruction project. A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Brady to authorize a payment of \$4,515.50 to reimburse the property owner for 50% of his out of pocket costs to replace the septic system. Motion carried 3-2 with Mr. Berchem and Mr. McCune voting no.

A motion was made by Mr. McCune and seconded by Mr. Berchem to approve vouchers in the amount of \$162,512.63. Motion carried.

Peter German, Director of Human Resources, updated the committee on the status of the proposed contract between Teamsters Local 200 and the Highway Department.

Officials from the Southeast Region of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation reviewed their six-year highway improvement program in Washington County. They also discussed current staff changes in the southeast region.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee of the upcoming WCHA Capital Days to be held in Madison on February 20th and 21st, 2008. Attendees have the opportunity to meet with legislators to discuss transportation issues.

Commissioner Pesch discussed the status of the 2007 Highway Department maintenance budget and salt inventory.

Commissioner Pesch noted that the next meeting of the highway committee will be on January 22, 2008, and he informed the committee of the highway department employees meeting on March 11, 2008.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. McCune to adjourn at 10:45 AM. Motion carried.

Lawrence Hoffman, Secretary