

MINUTES FOR THE HIGHWAY COMMITTEE MEETING

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

**March 8, 2007
7:30 A.M.**

Present: Donald Berchem, Lawrence Hoffman, Charlene Brady, and Chairman Daniel Goetz. Also present: Highway Commissioner Ken Pesch and Assistant to the Highway Commissioner Barb Villwock. Mark McCune could not attend because the original highway committee meeting scheduled for March 6, 2007, had to be rescheduled.

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

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Berchem to approve the minutes of the meeting held on February 20, 2007. Motion carried.

Commissioner Pesch indicated that he had issued the following permits:

1. To AT & T for installing fiber optic under CTH G approximately 40 feet north of Paradise Drive in the City of West Bend
2. To AT & T for drilling test holes to find the depth of the cable at 18th and CTH NN and at CTH NN and CTH P for the reconstruction project
3. To We Energies for replacing a pole located on the east side of CTH NN about 925 feet south of CTH Z

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to approve a permit for the Town of Erin to close CTH K from CTH E to STH 167 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM on March 17, 2007, in accordance with conditions proposed by the county sheriff, for their annual St. Patrick's Day Parade. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Mr. Berchem to approve vouchers in the amount of \$43,307.59 and a payment to We Energies in the amount of \$12,795.68. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Brady to award the contract for the purchase of a 3/4-ton truck chassis to Five Corners GMC, the low bid, for the alternate bid four-wheel drive chassis, in the amount of \$21,442.40. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. Berchem to approve a permit for the Village of Jackson to construct a multi-use bike path on the right-of-way of CTH P from STH 60 to the Pier at Hasmer Lake and not replace the existing parallel 30" and 48" culverts under CTH P at this time. Motion died for lack of second. A motion was made by Mr. Hoffman and seconded by Ms. Brady to approve a permit for the Village of Jackson to construct a multi-use bike path on the right-of-way of CTH P from STH 60 to the pier at Hasmer Lake and authorize the replacement of the two existing parallel 30" and 48" culverts under CTH P. Motion carried with Mr. Berchem voting no.

The committee discussed possible revisions to Chapter 13 of the Washington County Code with the county attorney. The opinion of the county attorney is that the Code cannot be revised to give the Highway Committee final authority for speed zones, parking restrictions, and other similar traffic control ordinances because the County cannot override requirements in State Statutes.

A motion was made by Ms. Brady and seconded by Mr. Hoffman to move into closed session to discuss real estate acquisition for the CTH X, W, H and XX Projects. Roll call was taken. Mr. Hoffman yes, Mr. Berchem, yes, Ms. Brady yes, and Chairman Goetz yes.

Mr. Hoffman left at 9:00 AM.

Tom Sackett arrived at 9:30 AM.

Upon returning to open session, Commissioner Pesch indicated that negotiation sessions will be scheduled soon for the July 1, 2007- June 30, 2009 agreement between Washington County, Washington County Highway Department, and Teamsters "General" Local Union No. 200. The consensus of the committee was to have Mr. McCune continue to serve as the committee's representative on the negotiating team.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee of the highway department employees meeting on March 13, 2007. Due to the county board meeting that date, a highway committee meeting will not be posted for March 13, 2007.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee of an operational planning meeting for the intersection of STH 175 with STH 167 will be held at 1:00 PM on March 15, 2007, at the southeast regional offices of the Wisconsin Department of Transportation.

Commissioner Pesch informed the committee of an operational planning meeting for the STH 145 roundabouts tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, March 28, 2007, at the Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility.

Mr. Berchem left at 9:55 AM.

The meeting was adjourned by Chairman Goetz at 10:05 AM.

Lawrence Hoffman, Secretary