



ROCK COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Highways & Parks

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Public Works Committee Meeting – Highway
Tuesday, April 25, 2023 – 8:00 a.m.
Public Works Department – Committee Room
3715 Newville Road
Janesville, WI 53545

Call to Order: Chair Richard called the meeting of the Public Works Committee to order at 8:00 a.m.

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Richard, Mawhinney, Pennycook, Rashkin, and Woodman

Committee Members Absent: None

<u>Staff Members:</u>	Duane Jorgenson	Director of Public Works
	Nick Elmer	Assistant Director of Public Works
	Amanda McElroy	Secretary II

<u>Others Present:</u>	Henry Bunts	Department of Public Works
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Approval of Agenda: Supervisor Mawhinney moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Pennycook. ADOPTED.

Approval of Minutes Dated March 28, 2023: Supervisor Rashkin moved approval of the minutes from March 28, 2023, as presented, seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. ADOPTED.

Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements: Henry Bunts shared his concerns with the wage study.

Mr. Jorgenson shared that he recently attended a *Safe Streets for All* webinar that addressed rural and tribal communities along with potential grant opportunities. Mr. Jorgenson will also be attending a webinar on Thursday, April 27, 2023, to learn about grant opportunities through the Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT).

Mr. Jorgenson announced that the LRIP Program is rolling out a pilot project in the Northwest region of the state, giving the Towns Association the authority to handle the administrative process for towns. Rock County is currently paid \$5,500/year to administer this program.

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Mr. Jorgenson shared that he should have the drafted ATV Ordinance back from Corporation Counsel this week and is looking to have an ATV Work Group meeting next week. Mr. Jorgenson is hoping to get the ATV Ordinance to Rock County Board of Supervisors Meeting on May 11.

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF RESOLUTIONS

Recognizing David Davis: Supervisor Mawhinney moved the Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Woodman. Mr. Davis has been a dedicated employee, serving the citizens of Rock County and Town of La Prairie for over twenty-eight years and will retire on May 3, 2023. Supervisor Woodman and Mr. Jorgenson noted that Mr. Davis has been a model employee for town workers and will be sorely missed. ADOPTED.

REVIEW, DISCUSSION, AND POSSIBLE ACTION

Discussion and Possible Action – Issue Paper – CTH BT & CTH S Intersection Lighting: Supervisor Woodman moved the Issue Paper (installation of one pole and two lights), seconded by Supervisor Mawhinney. Mr. Jorgenson explained that the Department of Public Works continues to receive concerns from residents about this intersection because it is too dark at night. A traffic analysis was completed in December 2022 and additional signage has already been installed. Street lighting could improve the visibility and reduce crash risk at night. Per Alliant Energy, the cost to install two lights and one pole would be \$510, along with \$18/month per light. ADOPTED.

Discussion – Orfordville Salt Shed Update: Mr. Jorgenson shared that after several years of trying to get the Orfordville Salt Shed Project approved, the current overall cost for a 4,000-ton salt storage shed is \$1.47 million, with costs to be split between WisDOT (62.5%) and Rock County (37.5%). WisDOT wants to rebid the project in 2024 in hopes of getting lower bids. As a result, Rock County will need to continue leasing the shed from Todd Suer for salt storage in Orfordville through 2024.

REVIEW OF PAYMENTS

March 2023 Payments: Mr. Jorgenson answered questions from the committee.

Next Meeting Date and Time: Tuesday, May 23, 2023, at 8:00 a.m. at the Department of Public Works.

Adjournment: Supervisor Mawhinney moved adjournment at 8:40 a.m., seconded by Supervisor Woodman. ADOPTED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amanda McElroy, Secretary II

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