

VILLAGE OF PORT EDWARDS

Port Edwards, Wisconsin

COMMITTEE: Public Works

DATE: March 27, 2024

TO: BETSY MANCL

cc: JOSEPH ZURFLUH
TIARA GRUNDEN
SCOTT DREW

ERIK SAYLOR
LONN RADTKE
BRIAN LUEBKE

JEN MOORE
CALEB MCGREGOR
NICK ABTS

Purpose of Meeting: Regular Monthly Meeting

Attendance: L. Radtke, E. Saylor J. Zurfluh, Public Works Supervisor Ben Martinson (by Zoom) and Mancl

Citizens: Juris Repsa and Rick Hess

Subjects Discussed, Action Taken & Board Action Required:

Regular Monthly Meeting

- **Call to order:** Meeting called to order by Chairman Radtke 4:30 pm.
- **Roll Call:** All present from above.
- **Approve the agenda & previous month's minutes:** MOTION (Zurfluh /Saylor) to approve the agenda & minutes from February 28, 2024. Motion carried. All ayes.
- **Public comments on agenda items:** None.
- **Committee Chairman's comments:** Chairman Radtke commented how this was the last meeting with him being chair.
- Update on Highway 54/73 summer project: Mr. Martinson gave update on this project. Met with American Asphalt/Integrity that is construction the project. Hoping to start mid-April and go through mid-July. They will work in sections starting out by Count Road G and work into the Village of Port Edwards. Ther will be a public meeting held on April 8th. Goal is to Port Road and Seneca Roads open which will keep these roads busier than usual. Village is responsible for raising water valves/sanitary and sewer with budgeted money. The rest of the project is DOT funded.
- Update on 2nd Street road project – Monroe Avenue to Ver Bunker Avenue: Plans are finalized. Bidding starts April 1st, all done through Quest – and closes April 19th at 3:30 pm. Once collected they will send the bids to the Village for the proposals. Needs to be approves at the April/May Public Works meeting

before the Village Board meeting. That way paperwork and bonding gets in so that the project can hopefully be done by the start of school. This is a TIF project.

- ***Public Works Updates***

- a. Supervisor Martinson thanks the committee for a good year and is thankful for the support.
- b. No major issues with a snowstorm. Plowing was done because of the 6-7 inches of snow that we received so that there were no issues with early traffic.
- c. Monday, April 1st the “sucker truck” will be out picking up yard waste. Every other week brush & grass pick up and removal will start after that.
- d. Summer help has two candidates. One will start in May and one in June.
- e. Stump removal from all of the dead ash trees that were taken down over the winter. Mr. Martinson is working with the Village Forester Juris Repsa that is due June 1st. Hopefully that grant will cover stump removal and tree planting. Chip seal project proposals have been brought in and will work with the next committee to finalize the project.

- ***Old Business:*** Village Forester Juris Repsa reports that there is work being done on an Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) grant which provides funding for up to three years for “disadvantaged communities”. Funding can range from \$1,000 up to \$500,000. Port Edwards is considered a disadvantaged community. Grant is due June 3rd and this is not a matching grant. Mr. Repsa would like the Village to apply to be recognized as a tree city USA. This would be helpful while searching out grants. There are four criteria, i.) There needs to be a tree department or board, 2.) Need to have a tree ordinance (which we have), 3.) \$2/capita on urban forestry and 4.) Celebrate Arbor Day. Mr. Repsa will reach out to the school district to coordinate a collaboration on this. Resolution will be sent to the Village Board meeting.

- ***New Business: none***

- ***Correspondence received.*** None.

- ***Future Agenda items for next meeting:*** Arbor Day & IRA Grant

- ***Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.***

Lon Radtke – Chairman
Minutes taken by Betsy Mancil