

Town of Onalaska
Special Storm Water Utility Meeting
Tuesday, March 5, 2019

The Special Storm Water Utility meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present: Rolly Bogert, Stan Hauser, Dale Shefelbine, and Tim Reagles. Marc Schultz excused. Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk was also present.

Motion to approve the agenda with moving items 10 and 11 to follow public comment by Hauser; seconded by Reagles. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hauser; seconded by Reagles to approve the minutes of the November 12, 2018 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hauser; seconded by Reagles to approve the bills and finance book with the inclusion of legal bill for \$100 that arrived late. Motion passed unanimously.

Marc Schultz joined the meeting.

Public Comment: Josh Storandt W8120 Forest Drive thanked the committee for moving item 10 and 11 to the beginning of the meeting. Storandt addressed concerns for the Eric Avenue drainage problem. Garden variety rain as well as snow melt is concerning to residents homes; and is causing public relations issues. The flooded streets do not look good when Roth Field is in use during ball season.

Marvin Stone advised that 13 years ago a drain was put in but the drain goes “nowhere” however the manhole is covered. When major rain occurs of snow is melting the water has nowhere to go. Stone indicated it goes half way up neighbor’s lawns because it has no place to drain to when the ground is already saturated. He indicated belief that it must be piped somewhere and that it will be a major expense. Stone expressed concern for activities at both parks being affected by the drainage.

Discussion on water drainage on Eric Avenue: Several previously submitted video clips of the street flooding from early February 2019 were viewed. Committee discussion included possibly shooting grades to see how water could flow, possible creation of a drainage pond and where it could be located. Land would need to be acquired if a pond is necessary. Schultz advised of an existing drainage easement to the south of Woodview Drive near the south end of Eric Avenue. The Committee discussed the possible option of piping or ditching along the east edge of Roth Field across Woodview Drive and connecting to that existing drainage area. No action.

Discussion on hiring General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Eric Avenue: Motion by Hauser; seconded by Reagles to hire General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Eric Avenue and submit proposals. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on completion of 2019 MS4 by General Engineering Corporation: Motion by Schultz; seconded by Hauser to have 2019 MS4 completed by General Engineering Corporation. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on flooding of County Roads on Brice Prairie: The committee identified areas where flooding occurs over the county roads. Identified areas include: County Z near the Landings, County Z near where the speed zone drops to 25 entering the residential area, County Road ZN near the corner when traveling west out of Midway, County ZZ and ZN intersection and to the west of the intersection near the entrance to Lakeview Court East and Lakeview Court West. Land or easements for drainage may need to be acquired. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Reagles to draft a letter to La Crosse County Highway Superintendent Ron Chamberlain expressing concerns for these areas and asking for County input to resolve. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on water drainage on Lawrence Place: Discussion included possibly working with the City of Onalaska to resolve this. Where the water is coming from was questioned. . Schulz had questions regarding the City of Onalaska storm water plan relating to areas surrounding Lawrence Place. Bogert suggested a possible lift station, and advised Federal Funds may be available if we work with the City. The map of properties was reviewed, defining which properties are in the Town verses which are in the City. No action.

Discussion on hiring of General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Lawrence Place: Motion by Schultz; seconded by Hauser to hire General Engineering for development of plan to solve drainage issues on Lawrence Place. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on purchase of high volume trash pump including inlet and discharge hoses: Motion by Schultz; seconded by Reagles to purchase the pump, hoses and 2 year extended warrantee as presented at a cost of \$2,101.91. Motion passed unanimously. Further discussion Bogert and Hauser will check on the availability of fire hose that did not pass pressure testing but would work well for pumping for water to extend the length of hose. A Y split connector would be needed if firehose is used.

Motion to adjourn by Schultz seconded by Reagles passed unanimously at 7:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk.