

Village Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

6:00 p.m.

Members Present: Tom Davies, Andrew Timm, Fred La Rosa, Orv Damrau, Steve Fritz, Anton Anday, Al Tessmann

Others Present: Dan Mahoney, Karen Swanson, Debbie Sniadajewski, Dan Ault, David Hansen

1. Mr. Davies called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance.
2. MINUTES
 - ✓ **Mr. La Rosa moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of January 20, 2016 as printed. Mr. Damrau seconded and the motion carried.**
3. PERSONS WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

None.
4. CORRESPONDENCE

Mr. Mahoney referred to the correspondence from the American Transmission Company explaining their plans to rebuild an electric transmission line in the area, copy attached.

Mr. Mahoney referred to an invitation from the Boys and Girls Club to their open house at their new facility in Stevens Point this Saturday, copy attached.

Mr. Anday questioned if correspondence was responded to or if it is forwarded to affected staff. Mr. Mahoney stated that most correspondence received is for informational purposes only and that it is forwarded to staff if it pertains to their department.
5. VOUCHERS
 - ✓ **Mr. Damrau moved to approve the vouchers as listed. Mr. Timm seconded and the motion carried.**
6. DISCUSSION OF TOWN OF PLOVER REQUEST FOR ATV/UTV USE ON COOLIDGE AVE. AND KENNEDY AVE.

Mr. Mahoney explained that he and Mr. Davies attended a recent Town of Plover Board of Supervisors meeting whereby the town discussed their on road ATV/UTV route that they had developed. Mr. Mahoney stated that the route begins at the west end of the town on Biron Dr. continues east to Club Forest Dr., crosses STH 54, and continues south and east on various town roads to Kennedy Ave. then north on Kennedy to the Town of Plover limits. The Town of Plover's goal with the ATV/UTV route is to promote tourism and economic development. The route does not link to any established trail system and they are looking for community support to create one. Mr. Mahoney stated that the Town of Stockton has already removed signage, on their portion of Kennedy Ave., that the Town of Plover had put up indicating that it was part of the ATV/UTV route. Residents are now asking the Town of Plover to open up all of the town roads for ATV/UTV use. The town is requesting that the Village of Plover allow ATV/UTV use on portions of Coolidge Ave. and Kennedy Ave. that are within the Village. They have also been in contact with Portage County to open up a portion of CTH R near STH 54. Mr. Mahoney stated that he and Mr. Davies informed the town that they would bring the request back to the Village Board.

Mr. Mahoney referred to Rich Boden's, Wastewater System Manager, memo, copy attached, expressing his concerns with significant daily traffic from septic pumper trucks and semi tankers in and out of the WWTF as well as considerable vehicle traffic using the compost site. He is also concerned with ATV's/UTV's using, either intentionally or intentionally, the driveway to the WWTF.

Dan Ault, Plover Police Chief, stated that he has conducted significant research on ATV/UTV use in other states and has experience with the issue with his past employer in northeastern Wisconsin, and found that a big component to ATV/UTV use is access to a large trail system. He stated that a municipality has to ask themselves if this is the type of image they would like to portray, i.e. ATV's/UTV's lined up in front of businesses. Mr. Ault expressed his concerns with kids on ATV's on the streets, i.e. no directional signals, truck traffic. Specifically to this area, there isn't a trail system to go to or from. Mr. Ault stated that snowmobiles and ATV's/UTV's are two different groups and typically ATV's/UTV's are not allowed on snowmobile trails.

Mr. Mahoney stated that he received an email from a Village of Plover resident that heard about the Town of Plover's efforts and urged that the village should open up all of their roads to ATV/UTV use.

Mr. Damrau questioned how someone would get from Elm St., for example, in the Village to the Town's trail system even if use was allowed on Coolidge Ave. and Kennedy Ave.

Mr. Ault stated that it becomes problematic with those trying to sneak onto a trail when a trail system is established.

Mr. Fritz questioned the posting of speed limits for ATV/UTV use on roads. Mr. Davies stated that they would have to be posted. Mr. Ault added that speed limits are self-imposed by clubs on a trail system. He stated that a lot of negotiations with property owners takes place to establish a trail system and private property owners are more reluctant to allow ATV/UTV use.

Mr. Fritz mentioned the law that requires liability insurance for motor vehicles and questioned if this was the same for ATV's/UTV's. He also questioned their use in the right-of-way. Mr. Ault stated that ATV's/UTV's are registered with the DNR and not the WI DOT. They would have to follow all the rules of the road, as with any vehicle.

Mr. Mahoney stated that the Town of Grant is interested in establishing a trail system but the Town of Buena Vista is not.

Mr. Tessmann expressed his concerns with an ATV/UTV trail system would impact the image of the Village of Plover, i.e. the Green Circle is a peaceful trail used by many walkers, runners, and bikers.

Mr. Anday expressed his concerns with the ATV's/UTV's crossing STH 54. He questioned why not take the road to the campground and then follow the river if the goal was to get to Galecki Park. He is also concerned with the image it would create and that there is not an established trail system. He does not see it working in the Village of Plover at this time.

Mr. Timm concurred that this is not something for the Village of Plover at this time.

Mr. Davies stated that ATV/UTV use on Kennedy Ave. is not an issue since the Town of Stockton won't allow use on their portion of the road, and Mr. Boden raised concerns with Coolidge Ave. as it relates to traffic and the WWTF/compost site.

Mr. Mahoney stated that he prefers to see an off-road trail system. He feels that Portage County officials need to be brought on board for a county wide system for true economic development impact before the village agrees to connect to the town.

7. MAILBOX POLICY REVISION

Mr. Mahoney explained that the Village has a policy for replacing mailboxes damaged due to snow removal, copy attached. He stated that the average cost of a mailbox has risen and that staff is recommending increasing the replacement cost from \$35 to \$40.

- ✓ **Mr. La Rosa moved to approve the Mailbox Policy revision increasing the cost to replace a mailbox, damaged due to snow removal, from \$35 to \$40. Mr. Damrau seconded and the motion carried.**

8. TASK ORDER TO THE GENERAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH AECOM – SOIK FIELD SURVEY

Mr. Mahoney referred to his memo, copy attached, that there is interest in private development of a wetland bank on property, on which the Village has an option to purchase, near the Little Plover River Conservancy area. He explained that, in order to proceed, a field survey of the property needs to be conducted, which would be performed by AECOM in the amount of \$3,550. He stated that AECOM has experience with this type of work. It needs to be determined what affect that a wetland bank will have on the property as well as adjacent roads and property. If the project moves forward and is taken over by a private entity, the Village will be reimbursed 100% of the cost of the study. If the project is not plausible, the Village will not be able to recoup the cost.

Mr. Tessman questioned where the \$3,550 is coming from. Mr. Mahoney stated that the Water System budget will cover the cost and the general budget will not be affected.

- ✓ **Mr. Tessmann moved to approve the Task Order to the General Engineering Services Agreement with AECOM, in the amount of \$3,550, for field survey on the Soik property. Mr. Fritz seconded and the motion carried.**

9. VILLAGE PROJECT CHANGE ORDERS, SUBSTITUTIONS, OR CONSTRUCTION APPROVALS
None.

10. ADMINISTRATOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Mahoney reported on the following:

1. Permits for the former Denny's property should be taken out next week.
2. Economic Development as follows:
 - Big box development interest in the area
 - A new development in Village Park at Plover
 - A new retail shop in Village Park at Plover
 - A national retail chain to locate in the vacant space west of Shopko
 - A new business will be locating in the 2nd floor of the Towne Hall Centre
 - Three separate developments in the Pines Corporate Centre
 - Finished a draft Developers Agreement with Bill Bayba
 - Working on a draft Developers Agreement with O'so Brewing
 - Working on a revised draft Developers Agreement with SC Swiderski
 - An industrial business is looking at an expansion
3. Tree removal for the Business 51 reconstruction project will begin soon.
4. There will be a Business 51 pre-construction meeting on February 25.
5. One truck of steel for the food pantry showed up today, the second is expected tomorrow morning and the third on Friday. They expect it will take two weeks to put up.

11. Mr. La Rosa moved to adjourn at 6:37 p.m. Mr. Damrau seconded and the motion carried.

Karen Swanson, Village Clerk