



Public Works Committee Minutes

Monday, March 12, 2018, at 6:00 pm

Whitefish Bay Library Program Room

I. Call to Order and Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 5:31 pm

Present: Trustee Miller (Chairman), Trustee Serebin, Trustee Davis, Tom Kindschi,

Also Present: Paul Boening – Village Manager, John Edlebeck – Public Works Director, Tim Blakeslee – Assistant Village Manager

II. Review and Approve minutes of January 8, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting

Trustee Serebin moved to approve the minutes of the January 8, 2018, Public Works Committee Meeting. Trustee Davis seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

III. Discuss possible Pedestrian Safety Enhancements at Lake Drive/Palisades Road

Public Works Director John Edlebeck described why the issue was on the agenda as a result of a recent vehicular accident. Edlebeck stated that approximately three years ago when he started he began implementing the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). As a result, at the Palisades area, there was additional pavement marking and signage added. Edlebeck stated that he understands residents still do not feel comfortable at the intersection and mentioned that improvements are upcoming with future grant dollars. Edlebeck described a proposed Danish Crossing idea that could be part of a future design.

Trustee Serebin asked about moving the intersection mid-block. Edlebeck stated that we want to make sure improvements are in places that people will use. A mid-block crossing is not normal and may increase accidents. He said he would rather improve the current crossing than move it to another location. He mentioned that there are many elements involved including sharp turns and limited sightlines.

The public in attendance were invited to provide comments:

DANIEL HELLER (1625 E FAIRMOUNT AVE): Stated that cars are not paying attention around the corner and there need to be warnings further up the road.

ELLEN GOOT (4953 N BARTLETT AVE): Stated that she feels the first car will often stop at the crosswalk but that the second car will try to go around. She feels she must wait for all cars to stop to feel comfortable crossing the street. Ms. Goot also mentioned that cars turn very quickly onto Barlett driving south on Lake. Tom Kindschi noted the wide radius of the turn which allows drivers to move quickly.

JOY SVOBODA (4973 N LAKE DR): Stated that the Route 32 Sign/Arrow at the crosswalk causes many people to believe that Barlett is Route 32. Edlebeck stated that the Village would look into that.

GEORGE SVOBODA (4973 N LAKE DR): Believes the current location is the worst location for a crosswalk. It is at the first turn on Lake Drive since Shorewood. Mr. Svoboda believes that there was good intention with the "Watch for Pedestrian" signs, but that they lull pedestrians into a false sense of security. Mr. Svoboda stated that there are a lot of near-miss accidents at this intersection. He is unsure if flashing lights would increase the false sense of security.

Trustee Serebin asked the audience how many people they see using the crosswalk. Several audience members say that they regularly use the intersection and that it seems to be used quite often.

ROBERT CRAWFORD (5017 N PALISADES RD): Stated that he had a statement to read from Christine McBride who could not make the meeting. Trustee Miller stated that they already at the statement in their packet.

Mr. Crawford stated that he would then provide his own thoughts. He said that he would like to see action this year instead of next year or later. He would like to see a stop sign there with LEDs which light up when a button is pushed and also a warning system down the road that lights up. Mr. Crawford stated that at rush hour nobody can use the crosswalk. He also believes the residents in the area should have a remote that can control the LED signs as needed.

Trustee Davis asked for clarification from Mr. Crawford regarding his proposal. Mr. Crawford stated that he would like the signal to be able to turn on well in advance for those using the crosswalk and those driving in the area that need help turning home.

ELLEN GOOT (4953 N BARTLETT AVE): Asked if it would be possible to have a stoplight at the intersection. Edlebeck stated that this is a state highway and that warrants are required to be met to be able to change the intersection to a stop light. In addition, the DOT would have to approve any stop light or stop sign. Edlebeck stated that it would be highly unlikely that stopping traffic in this area would be approved. Ms. Goot said she would be in favor of further out warning signs. She asked if the speed could be lowered. Edlebeck stated that petitioning the state to lower the speed of the road is something that the Village can look into. The Village could also look into put radar units that show the speed in the area.

MAUREEN DSOUZA (5001 N PALISADES RD): Thanked Edlebeck for the work that has already been done. She has noticed for compliance with the flags that have been put up. She believes the repaving and repainting will be important. She said that she sees cars not knowing what do when they plan to make a left turn and people are crossing the street. Ms. Dsouza said it's a chronic issue and anything that can be done to slow down traffic would be great. She believes that the PD should patrol the area more often to slow traffic down.

TREVOR DSOUZA (5001 N PALISADES RD): Would like to see traffic pinched down so they cannot pass. He likes the idea of the Danish crossing.

DANIEL HELLER (1625 E FAIRMOUNT AVE): Stated that the best resolution would be to make the corners not so sharp.

ELLEN GOOT (4953 N BARTLETT AVE): Asked if a Danish crossing would fit a stroller and a dog. Edlebeck said that Ms. Goot would have room. Edlebeck said there are also ways to increase median size to make sure that people have fewer places to cut around.

GEORGE SVOBODA (4973 N LAKE DR): Doesn't think the Danish crossing picture he looked at has room for a stroller. Edlebeck said that it's just a concept at this point and that it hasn't been designed yet. When it is designed, having enough userspace will be important. Mr. Svoboda stated that he would be sensitive to flashing lights because he is right on the corner. He would not want to be able to see them inside his house. Edlebeck mentioned the success of the tiger light crosswalk at the library.

ROBERT CRAWFORD (5017 N PALISADES RD): Suggested the use of a traffic camera and issuing tickets to violators. Edlebeck stated that there are state law regulations regarding traffic lights.

Edlebeck thanked everyone for the comments and recommended that they contact him if they have any other questions or suggestions.

IV. Review and possible recommendation to the Village Board on DOT HSIP ITS Safety Grant Award – Lake / Silver Spring / Marlborough Traffic Signal Replacement Project

Public Works Director John Edlebeck described HSIP grant program and the grant that was received. Edlebeck stated that he was working with the state to see if a planned reconstruction project in 2025 could be moved up and combined with the grant to make the best use of available time and money. Edlebeck found that the state was not willing to do this. As a result, Edlebeck recommended to the Public Works Committee that they declined the grant because as part of the HSIP grant any changes to the pavement in the intersection would be at cost to the Village. Edlebeck recommends waiting until the 2025 state reconstruction project which will help cover pavement improvements.

Trustee Serebin asked if the road can last that long. Edlebeck said repairs in the meantime will be at our own expense.

Trustee Miller asked if we can do the signal without altering the pavement. Edlebeck said that is not money well spent.

Trustee Serebin and Tom Kindschi asked about the current repair of the signals. Edlebeck said the Village currently maintains the signals and can keep them maintained.

Trustee Serebin asked if we are burning any bridges by declining the grant. Edlebeck said this is not an adversarial issue and that he has a good relationship with the State.

Trustee Miller said that if it is a safety issue we shouldn't wait, but since it is not he would be okay declining until a better time.

Trustee Serebin recommended that the Village Board *Decline* the Lake / Silver Spring / Marlborough DOT HSIP – ITS Traffic Signal grant and request that the proposed Lake Drive DOT 3R Resurfacing Project include new pavement and traffic signals at this location. Tom Kindschi seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Review and possible recommendation to the Village Board on 2018 Water Meter Purchase as a part of the Water Utility Meter Reading Program

Public Works Director John Edlebeck described the current status of the water meters and the progress in updating the water meters throughout the Village. Edlebeck hoped that by 2021 the entire Village would be radio reads. Wisconsin PSC requires that all water meters be replaced within 20 years of first installation.

Trustee Serebin asked which houses would be completed first. Edlebeck stated that they would focus on homes in the area that already have a lot of radio meters to be able to make those areas able to be completely read by a radio.

Trustee Serebin asked about resident compliance in getting meters replaced. Edlebeck stated that it's a challenge getting ahold of everyone, but we are making progress. Trustee Davis asked if we are installing meters outside of normal business hours. Edlebeck stated that we are doing that.

Trustee Serebin moved to recommend that the Village Board Approve the purchase 500 IPerl water meters and 500-meter reading transmitters totaling \$116,800 from Core & Main, New Berlin, Wisconsin, the authorized Sensus dealer in our area. Trustee Davis seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

VI. Review and possible recommendation to the Village Board on Residential Trash and Recycling Collection Program

Public Works Director John Edlebeck the current status of the trash and recycling program along with statistics regarding resident contacts. Edlebeck discussed exemptions, carts, and the new truck purchase. Edlebeck then discussed the upcoming schedule.

Trustee Serebin asked about the number of exemption and if any had not been approved. Assistant Village Manager Blakeslee stated that 58 have been approved and there are 49 outstanding that the Village has sent out but not received back from the resident.

Trustee Serebin and Miller discussed the possible confusion with not allowing refuse bags outside of the cart. John said that Communications Specialist Jenny Heyden is working on educational materials. He also stated that it would be a learning process.

Edlebeck then described the status of the ordinance. The committee held on action and wanted to have another month to review. Village Manager Boening stated that he would provide a copy of the ordinance in the Friday Village Manager report so all Trustees could have a chance to comment before action is taken by the Public Works Committee.

VII. Discuss proposed Day / Shore Watermain Relocation Project

Public Works Director John Edlebeck described the project that involves moving a water main that is under a house.

Trustee Davis asked how this happened. Edlebeck stated he can't say for sure but it was probably sometime in the 1920's and the area was originally platted as a road.

Trustee Serebin asked if the project will be a Village expense. Edlebeck stated that it would be. Edlebeck stated that the next step would be a neighborhood meeting.

VIII. 2018 Upcoming Items

- Sidewalk Rehabilitation Project - Edlebeck stated that work will start in the summer.
- Private Property Inflow and Infiltration (PPII) Private Lateral Lining Program - Edlebeck stated they are creating a work plan.
- Water / Sewer / Storm Capital Maintenance Projects - Edlebeck stated they are working on maintenance projects.
- Water / Sewer / Storm Ordinance Updates - Edlebeck stated they are fine-tuning and working with Clean Wisconsin. More info coming soon.

IX. Edlebeck stated there is a Public Information Meeting: Bay Ridge / Silver Spring Traffic Signal HSIP Project Monday, April 9, 2018, @ 5:00-6:00 pm

X. Edlebeck stated the next scheduled meeting is Monday, April 9, 2018, @ 6:00 pm in the Whitefish Bay Library Upstairs Meeting Room)

XI. Trustee Serebin moved to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Davis. Motion Carried 4-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.