

Special Town Board Meeting Minutes
April 29, 2013

The Watab Town Board held a special meeting for the purpose of coordinating construction of the Lakewood Shore Road Northwest railroad crossing project. The meeting was called to order at 11:00 a.m. by Jon Bogart, Township Engineer. Others present included: Ed Kacures, Lloyd Erdmann, Craig Gondeck, Pat Spence, Pat Goenner of Bogart, Pederson & Associates, Kurt Clitty of Xcel Energy, Dave Weitalla of Benton Telephone, Tim Otremba of Tri-City Paving, and Maureen Graber and Duane Saatzer, residents of the project neighborhood.

Tim Otremba told the group that his company planned to begin the project on May 6, but Xcel Energy is unable to move the power poles prior to that date. The power company has indicated that they may not be able to do so until mid-July. Ed Kacures inquired about the need to move the gas line, but that will not be necessary. Kurt Clitty said he will try to expedite moving the power poles, but it may not be possible. Construction cannot begin until the poles are moved.

Jon explained that the new centerline of the road will be where the south edge of the road is currently. He will have his company stake the road next week, so that Xcel Energy can complete their design for the relocation. Benton Telephone can relocate their lines within a two week period.

Craig Gondeck asked about the MS4 permit. He will contact Dave Schwinghammer to represent the township's interests. Tri-City Paving will have their own environmental team leader. His name is Keith Dezurick (phone number 320-360-4854). Alternate is Darwin Posterick (phone number 360-4855). Project manager is Dan Dubbin. The SWWPP will be posted at the project site.

Tri-City Paving will remove the trees on the south side of the road right of way as soon as the project is staked. Craig Gondeck will get a signed tree permit from Marty Reker.

Tri-City Paving will only be sub-contracting the curbing; everything else is done within the company. Jon reviewed the chain of command on the project: Tim Otremba to Lloyd Erdmann to Jon Bogart. If Supervisors have an issue they should contact Jon Bogart rather than Lloyd. There are to be no change orders that will result in additional costs without being submitted in writing and approved by the board. Payment requests from Tri-City Paving are presented to Lloyd for his approval, then forwarded to Jon Bogart, and finally to the town board. Bills should be received by Friday preceding the monthly meeting for payment.

It is anticipated that if weather is favorable the project will be completed within two weeks. Work will be done between the hours of 7am and 7pm. Tri-City Paving plans to keep the road open to the public. They will notify all emergency personnel of the work plan. Adam Surma is the Safety Officer for Tri-City Paving (phone number 320-630-5892). Ed Kacures noted that the town board is very concerned about safety and there was discussion of the safety precautions. As a result, the Clerk was asked to prepare a notice to the residents that Craig Gondeck will distribute inviting them to the May town board meeting.

Signed documents have not been returned from Burlington Northern; Jon will contact them today and ask for a response by Friday.

Lloyd Erdmann was asked to coordinate the work of the contractors for both the railroad crossing projects, as possible. He is appointed by the town board to serve as an employee for the inspection on the projects. A resolution for this purpose will be enacted at the May meeting, and he will sign the necessary affidavits. It is important that he watch for the amount of Class 5 material in the current road bed as determined at the time that the current road surface is removed.

Ed Kacures asked Lloyd Erdmann to follow up on receiving the pledged contributions for the County Road 79 project. He stated that he will do so. He has about \$6,500 in pledges. Lloyd was also asked by Ed and Jon to get a written easement from Marty Reker for stockpiling construction materials.

Since he will be contacting Marty for that document, he was also asked to have the tree cutting permit completed by Marty.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.

Respectfully submitted by Clerk Pat Spence