

MINUTES
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING (Special)
February 14, 2005
New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers
3805 S Casper Drive

Please note: Minutes are unofficial until approved by the Board of Public Works at their next regular scheduled meeting.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 A.M.

Members Present: Mayor Wysocki, City Engineer J.P. Walker, Alderman Chiovatero, Alderman Ament and Alderman Augustine.

Staff Present: Ray Grzys, Director of Streets & Utilities, Ron Schildt, Transportation Engineer, Tammy Simonson, Project Engineer, Transportation, Greg Kessler, Director of Community Development was excused.

OLD BUSINESS

ITEM 03-05 Correct the *Established Street and Highway Width Map* information provided to Waukesha County to be consistent with the recently adopted *Transportation Plan* for the City of New Berlin (Tabled from the January meeting)

JP Walker: At the last meeting there was a question on what was the intended right-of-way width for Calhoun Road. I researched two Plan Commission meetings, the one in August and the one in October. I did provide via e-mail the transcript of the October meeting verbatim. In my reviews, I did hear Commissioner Barnes make a statement about the right-of-way width on Calhoun Road and it was 130'. I did not find any discussion at all in those two meetings that questioned the width of the right-of-way. I was looking for specific information and it was not in those two meetings. My understanding is that there was a public hearing earlier in 2004 about that issue I did not review those tapes. Mayor and Alderman Ament were part of that public hearing. I'm not sure if you found anything in your research.

Alderman Ament: I do recall the discussion about the width and we also discussed how far Calhoun would be widened, and at the same meeting how far South. Because I couldn't locate the date, I couldn't locate the tape. The discussion that I recall and from my notes, I went back to the July 2004 draft of the Transportation Plan and that one shows the 110' width. Part of what I came up with and I talked to Greg Kessler about this, is that if we didn't discuss this how did it change from 110' in April to 130' in October? What I would like to do is find out when we approved changing it from 110' to 130'. It appeared to 130' I don't recall, and this has been almost a year that we have been working on this that it changed to 130'. I do recall the discussion about it, we even discussed if it should go to Cleveland or all the way to National. That's where the discussion centered around, because even some of the paperwork still in this Plan shows it going down to Small Road. Some show it going to National Avenue and in some areas it shows it going to Cleveland. I couldn't locate where we had the discussion but when I go back through the different plans, and I have about 6 of them, we did discuss when it changed to 130' in the paperwork that we were not going to change it to 130' all the way to Small Road. I marked all the areas just in the Plan now where it contradicts itself. Page 17 has a chart that shows 130' for Calhoun Road, but if I go back to the April draft Plan of last year it shows it at 110'. But if you go back to this Plan, on page 29 it shows "Calhoun Road from the intersection with Cleveland Avenue to the north City border". On the April map it shows the entire street width of 110'. We did discuss the widening, changing the right-of-way to 130' but I have it to Cleveland Avenue. I know we discussed it going to National Avenue, but I recall that we did not approve it going from National Avenue south for sure. But if we didn't discuss it all which is what I am being told, couldn't find it anywhere, then it should remain at 110' and maybe this should go back to the Plan Commission and change it at least to Cleveland Avenue.

Mayor Wysocki: I would tend to agree with Alderman Ament because there are a couple of issues in the Plan itself that are inconsistent. On page 43 where we discuss the jurisdiction plans for the City of New Berlin recommended changes from local to County jurisdictions, I don't recall that we ever recommended Calhoun Road between Cleveland Avenue and National Avenue would be changed to the County. I don't recall any discussion on that. On a number of occasions we do talk about widening or other improvements to provide capacities. On page 42 we reiterate again the widening of Calhoun Road to 4 lanes from Greenfield to just South of Cleveland, and that

discussion took place relative to the needs for that to happen and demonstrate on the map on page 41 that is a functional improvements map. I would think too that this should go back to Plan Commission to make sure that there is a consistent and clear identity as to what the Plan Commission had intended relative to our Transportation Routes both jurisdictionally and in terms of right-of-way widths.

Alderman Chiovatero: The question I have is did this plan as it is adopted come from the Plan Commission?

Mayor Wysocki: Yes it did.

Alderman Chiovatero: I have two different plans myself, the one that came out first and of course then the final one. I'm trying to base my decision on the final version because obviously there are some changes. The thing that concerns me is this is one road that we are talking about. What about the rest of the roads, are we going to have a problem every time there is a road issue? We aren't talking about widening the road. We are talking about the right-of-way width. That's one thing I'm trying to sort out and I want to stay clear on what we are doing. Nothing here says we are going to widen Calhoun Road at this time or in the expected future except for up to Cleveland or a little south. We are looking for right-of-way issues. I just want to make sure we are protecting ourselves for not just 2 or 5 years down the road, but for 15 years down the road as well. I agree that this should go back to Plan Commission. For things to change in the final version there must have been some discussion somewhere because I know the staff when they make these changes they go off notes.

Alderman Ament: As the process went on at the final meeting when we approved it, we didn't have a final version until we approved it. I don't recall seeing a final version that we actually sent to the County printed out. In fact when I was looking through this I noticed the discrepancies or the differences in what we had to what we are going to actually send them. I think we already sent them that version. That's why it's important that we correct it because for example under Appendix B-5, at the bottom, it has recommendations with SEWRPC. It still shows things like Johnson Road. between Hwy. 59 and Lincoln Avenue, is widening. We extensively went through that. This is still showing the entire length of Cleveland Avenue at 130' and I know we discussed not having it like that west of Calhoun and east of Moorland to 124th Street. If we don't change it we are opening the door for SEWRPC and the County to widen it. On page 16 we discussed about Moorland Road with the lack of signalization coordination. I would like to see these things cleaned up, because if this is going to last us for 5 to 10 years we want to make sure we send them the right signal as to what we do want and what we don't want. They will base their regional plans on what we give them.

Mayor Wysocki made a motion to return to Plan Commission for review and validation.

Alderman Ament 2nd the motion.

Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

ITEM 07-05 Revised Cold Spring Road Relocation Order / Plat Changes

Ron Schildt: There were actually three changes that's why we tabled this last week. The three parcels along Cold Spring Road. Late last week we entered into negotiations with another property owner. At this point we have three parcels that have changed and one that could possibly change.

JP Walker: I have had a discussion with Attorney Blum on this. I'm not so sure we even have to have a revised relocation order if we are taking less land than what was in the original relocation order. In all cases here we are taking less land than the original relocation order indicated. My concern is that if we delay this through the Board we are delaying the opportunity to close on the land acquisition. We are at the time now where we can't afford anymore delays in the land acquisition because it will impact the start of construction. We certainly will have the answer by the time it goes to Council next Tuesday on the 22nd. That's where the final approval has to take place anyway. I will ask the Board that we act upon this conditioned upon having the corrected revised relocation order brought to the Council on the 22nd.

Mayor Wysocki: I agree with JP although we don't have a formal opinion we can probably get one from the City Attorney before next Tuesday. Actually these adjustments to the plot changes are taking less land. That obviously becomes less controversial and expensive. I would hope that we could make a motion to recognize that as long as

the Relocation Order / Plat changes are one where there are reductions we would support that, and the actual Plat would be available on Tuesday.

Alderman Chiovero: I have heard nothing from the residents except one. They don't have a problem with the right-of-way. They were just worried about future use of their land. Could the Board look at this before the Council meeting?

Mayor Wysocki: We could meet at 6:30, that way the Board could take an official look at it.

Ron Schildt: The new Relocation Order / Plat changes will show two circle driveways being removed. One at 124th Street and one at Sunny Slope Road.

Motion by Mayor Wysocki to table.

Alderman Chiovero: 2nd the motion.

Upon voting the motion passed unanimously.

Alderman Chiovero made a motion to adjourn.

Upon voting the motion passes unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 AM.