

# Minutes

## AMENDED MINUTES

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING

JULY 2, 2001

New Berlin City Hall Common Council Chambers, 3805 S. Casper Drive.

Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m.

Members Present: Mayor Wysocki, Division Engineer John Graber, Alderman Chiovatero, Alderman Ament. \*Alderman Scheuble excused. \*

Staff Present: Director of Community Development Greg Kessler, Division Engineer Ron Schildt

#### ITEM 01-01 Approval of Minutes

June 4, 2001

**Motion by Mayor Wysocki to approve June 4, 2001 minutes. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously with John Graber abstaining.**

#### ITEM 23-01 Release of Interest of City Land -- Honey Lane

.. John Graber explained that when the subdivision was originally platted there was a roadway laid out on lots 5 & 6. It was never constructed and the owners want to get that reservation removed so they can build a garage on it. There is no interest that the City has in improving that roadway. Mayor Wysocki questioned if there's any easements in this area and John Graber responds no.

**Motion by Mayor Wysocki to recommend to Common Council to direct the City Attorney to prepare the proper resolution to release the City's interest in the above captioned properties. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

#### ITEM 22-01 Design Elements for STH 59 (Greenfield Ave) Reconstruction

##### STH 164 to Calhoun Road

.. Division Engineer Ron Schildt explains that the state wanted New Berlin to come forward with recommendations and respond to their design issues they've used in the preliminary design. Some of the things the state wants to talk about is transitional widths, use of auxiliary lanes (right turn lanes), terrace and median widths, Downie Road intersection, Brookfield Rd. extension, Springdale Rd., and Westbrook Service Drive. He stated there is a 30% review meeting with the state on July 12 we need to get them a letter stating our position on all of these. Ron Schildt then gave an extensive presentation on this project.

.. Alderman Chiovatero asked if any residents want to address the board. Mr. August Gomoll of 1440 Norwood Dr., New Berlin, stated that the alternative shown in blue would take his neighbors house away, take half of his lot, and probably take two houses on Greenfield Ave., besides making a cul-de-sac out of the present Norwood Dr. He objected to the loss of half of his lot and added that if this plan went through, his house would be surrounded by roadway on all four sides. He hoped that the Board

would vote against the blue alternate and stated his neighbors feel the same way. He favored for the alternate shown in red.

- .. Mrs. Mary Ann Reed of 19011 W. Pinecrest Lane, New Berlin, addressed the board and asked if it's definite that Brookfield Road will be going through. Ron Schildt answered yes, to his knowledge it will be. Mrs. Reed stated there's been a lot of static from the residents north of Greenfield Ave. from Weston Hills and condominiums on Brookfield Road and wanted to know if this will have any bearing on this road going through. She stated there has been a lot of petitions presented to the City of Brookfield Mayor and these people do not want this road going through.
- .. Ron Schildt responded that was originally a City of Brookfield project. Now that the DOT has taken over the project he is not sure whether they are assuming all the responsibility and considering what the City of Brookfield wanted or if they will entertain removing that project because it's against what most people would like to see done. He stated this is something that could be brought up at the 30% review meeting.
- .. Mayor Wysocki stated he has been in contact with Keith Henderson, Chairman of the Town of Brookfield, who has been against this and suggested we support the Town of Brookfield as well as ourselves for a variety of issues. We should state in our letter that the City of New Berlin is not in favor of extending Brookfield Road, but if we are forced to make a decision we would want the Norwood interchange.
- .. Alderman Ament suggested that before we send any proposed letter to the DOT that we have some type of informational meeting for the residents, so that Alderman Gallagher could meet with his constituents and get their input.
- .. Mayor Wysocki stated he has been in contact with Alderman Gallagher, has given him a copy of the letter and knows he is against the extension of Brookfield Road.
- .. The resident of 18810 W. Greenfield Ave., addressed the board and voiced his concerns and objections to this project. He stated there are wetlands designated very recently as well as archaeological studies being done within each of the proposed alternatives. He also stated this project has been going on for 20 years and still not all of the studies that should have been done have been done.
- .. Alderman Chiovaturo asked who is driving the extension of Brookfield Rd. Ron Schildt responds that it was a City of Brookfield project but then the DOT decided to incorporate it into the Greenfield Ave. project for coordination purposes.
- .. Ron Schildt then reviewed all the issues originally presented. Mayor Wysocki asked about the transitional widths and what the impact would be.
- .. Ron explained the auxiliary lanes and right turn bays. Mayor Wysocki informed the Board that Alderman Gallagher is of the opinion that there be a two lane road with right turn bays at the intersections. The Mayor also stated that Alderman Gallagher suggested a 40 mph speed limit instead of 45 mph, for consistency purposes. Ron Schildt stated we informed the DOT of this already and were told that roadways are not built now for less than 45 mph. Mayor stated many residents have access to this road and wanted to push the 40 mph speed limit. John Graber states the road is designed for the higher speed and thus makes a safer road, but it is not necessarily posted at that speed. He also stated the right turn bays are important. They were not put in on the National Ave. project and have since created safety problems.

- .. Alderman Ament suggested there be at least a paved shoulder for safety reasons and that is what most of the residents in that area would like. He also concurred with the speed limit being 40 mph for safety reasons, as well as consistency, since east of Calhoun Rd. the speed limit is 40 mph.
- .. Alderman Chiovatero believed there should be some kind of safety zone or auxiliary lane. Ron Schildt stated it's a good idea to have pedestrians walking that close to traffic. He stated the width of the roadway would actually be less if they use a curb section. Overall cost is also less to put the sidepaths in during construction because the state would be paying 75-80%.
- .. A resident addressed the board again -- about the traffic count that were done in the area of Brookfield Rd. and Greenfield Ave, Barker Rd. To his knowledge, none of the studies were done when all the roads were open and therefore believes the traffic studies are not accurate.
- .. Alderman Ament raised the issue of sidewalk maintenance, who will be responsible and what the standard will be?
- .. Ron Schildt stated there should be a full median opening at Downie Road. Mayor Wysocki stated that Alderman Gallagher concurs with this.
- .. Brookfield Road Extension - Mr. Schildt stated our first option will be not to build this project. If it does have to go through, the red option would be the most preferred and then the yellow or orange option. Mayor Wysocki stated that Alderman Gallagher, himself, and Chairman Keith Henderson of the Town of Brookfield strongly recommend not to have the extension but that we need a fallback recommendation in case it does have to be done, the red being the preferred option.
- .. Mr. Toth addressed the board regarding history of this project, previous land ownerships of the area, etc.
- .. Alderman Ament states that most everyone is opposed to the Brookfield extension--the residents, the City of Brookfield and recommended the citizens involve the residents in Brookfield, that the City of New Berlin is convinced.
- .. Mayor Wysocki stated again we are not in favor of the extension but is concerned that if it is beyond that decision we need to figure out our options.
- .. Mr. Toth addressed the board asking what the status is now that there is wetlands involved. John Graber says that it will be up to the state to make that determination and there is recent legislation that has been passed. He does think it allows for some wetlands that could not previously be filled and options how to do that.
- .. Ron Schildt reviewed the Springdale Rd. options. Alderman Chiovatero questioned why we have to change what's already there. Ron says the area is already a problem and also Greenfield Ave. will be lowered 8' to get rid of some other grade problems on Greenfield.
- .. Ron Schildt reviewed the Poplar Creek area options.
- .. Mr. Toth addressed the board asking what happened to the other options, from all the informational meetings he's attended. Ron Schildt responded that many of the issues we are looking at today would apply no matter which plan is chosen. He also stated that many of the information centers were held here at city hall but that all the surrounding communities were invited. He does believe everyone was involved but we are now getting to the point where design options have to be solidified.

“ Mr. Vernon Bentley, 3450 S. Johnson Rd., New Berlin, addressed the board stating that in previous meetings on the construction from 124<sup>th</sup> St. to Calhoun, the DOT only sent out 300 notices of meetings when they should have sent out 2500, because they did not want resistance from the residents.

“ Ron Schildt summarizes the City's position/recommendations to the state on this project. We want:

1. Right turn bays and/or auxiliary lanes at all major intersections
2. Speed limit posted at 40 mph
3. Terrace widths of 10'
4. Median widths of 24-26'
5. A full access point at Downie Rd.
6. We do not support any type of Brookfield Rd. extension; but in the case where it would have to happen, red would be our preferred alternative, orange a second choice as an acceptable alternative, and green or blue options not acceptable.
7. Springdale Rd. -- blue is our preferred option.
8. Westbrook Service Dr. -- DOT has said any of the three are acceptable, we want the one-way option.

“ Mayor Wysocki will get comments from Alderman Gallagher, input from his site visit and will work with the engineering department to revise our letter to the DOT prior to the 30% review meeting on July 12, 2001.

#### **ITEM 16-01 Adoption by the Board of the Developer Handbook**

**Motion by Mayor Wysocki that the Board of Public Works adopt the Developer Handbook which includes the revised standards and specifications for construction. Second by Alderman Chiovarero.**

**Motion by Mayor Wysocki to defer the motion. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**Motion by Alderman Chiovarero to adjourn. Second by Alderman Ament. Upon voting, motion passes unanimously.**

**Meeting adjourned at 9:39 a.m.**