

Infrastructure Committee Meeting

The Village of Grantsburg Infrastructure Committee met on Monday, May 20, 2019 at 8:00 a.m. at 316 Brad Street South, Grantsburg, WI.

Present: Chairman Trustee Greg Peer, Members Trustee Russ Stone and Trustee Julie Roberts

Others Present: Deputy Clerk/Treasurer Allison Longhenry, Director of Public Works (DPW) Chris Bartlett, GRO members Kristina Kelley-Johnson and Nicki Peterson

The Infrastructure Committee Meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairman Peer.

Discussion/Action: CDBG-PF Downtown Project Options/Changes. Three alternates to the upcoming project were discussed. Alternate 3 Spare Light Poles \$11,500, was eliminated and replacement poles will be ordered when/if needed. Alternate 1 Colored Concrete Crosswalks \$37,200 and Alternate 2 Colored Concrete Sidewalks (a strip) \$11,315 were discussed. DPW Bartlett discussed the painted concrete crosswalks. After checking with a company about painted crosswalks, it was determined that colored paint is not a cost-effective option. Other questions discussed were the high cost of colored concrete crosswalks, if the concrete would hold up to the salt spread in winter, and how the blacktop and concrete would mesh; would either settle and create a bump? Kelley-Johnson and Peterson discussed some removing some of the streetlights proposed for the block between Brad Street and Robert Street. Part of this block is residential and the cost to eliminate some of the new streetlights could be applied to the colored concrete being proposed. They discussed the positive effects of improving the aesthetics downtown; attracting businesses to fill the vacant buildings creating additional taxes, current businesses improving their facades and attracting people to the downtown area.

Motion by Chairman Peer, second by Trustee Roberts to recommend to the Village Board that three (3) new light poles be eliminated on the block between Brad Street and Robert Street, leaving the two (2) existing poles on the east end of the block and install new poles at the southeast corner of Madison Avenue and Brad Street and on the northside of Madison Avenue just east of the Fiedler Ford building. The savings will be applied to colored concrete crosswalks and a colored concrete strip in the sidewalk. Motion Carried. Trustee Stone opposed.

Peterson thanked the committee for including GRO in the discussion.

Motion by Chairman Peer, second by Trustee Stone to adjourn the meeting.

Sheila Meyer Clerk/Treasurer