

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: LaDon Trost
DATE/TIME August 23, 2021 5:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

☒ Heuerman
☒ O'Connor

☒ Hill
☒ Korth

☒ McIntyre (Zoom)
☒ Trost

Others: Steve Keeffer and Scott Toot

MINUTES

1. Minutes

Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve minutes from the June 28, 2021 Public Works meeting, Don Hill seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

2. Citizens' Comments

None

3. Highway Department

a. Old Business

1. Project Schedule Update

Steve Keeffer prepared a map of the county with all active projects delineated. The committee discussed many of the projects and their progress/status.

2. Adopt-A-Highway Program

Steve Keeffer presented the committee with a map of 'adoptable' county highway sections. There was some additional discussion about the interest that has been expressed in adopting sections of county highways as well as the cost of the program and potential liability associated with it. Don Hill made a motion to postpone the discussion and ask Hendrica Regez to attend the next committee meeting to provide an assessment of groups that may be interested in adopting highway sections, Bob Heuerman seconded, and a roll county vote resulted in all ayes.

3. Woodbine Engine Braking Signs

Steve Keeffer updated the committee on his findings regarding engine braking signs and speed sensing signs for the unincorporated village of Woodbine. A representative of IDOT has provided the paperwork that needs to be submitted for the installation of the signs. Steve Keeffer had some concerns about the cost of the speed sensing sign and what budget it might be paid from. The committee suggested that it be submitted as an unfunded request for the upcoming budget process. Steve Keeffer indicated that he would submit the paperwork for the engine braking signs since that concept was approved at the last committee meeting.

4. Sale of Hanover Property

The committee continued the discussion about potentially selling some property at the Hanover facility to an adjacent owner so he can expand his business. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to have the property appraised.

b. New Business

1. Guilford Township Guilford Road Bridge Project Engineering Agreement

An engineering agreement for a bridge replacement project in Guilford Township on Guilford Road over Small Pox Creek was discussed. The agreement is from Willett Hoffman to design the replacement structure, secure all required permits, and provide construction/bidding documents. The cost of the engineering design work is \$120,300, with the county and city each paying half. Bob Heuerman made a motion to approve the agreement at a cost of \$120,300 with the township and county each paying half (\$60,150), Steve McIntyre seconded, and a roll call vote resulted in all ayes.

4. Citizens Comments

None

5. Board Member Concerns

None

The meeting concluded at 5:30 P.M.