

**Town of Menasha Board of Supervisors - Public Hearing
Municipal Complex - Assembly Room
Monday, May 19, 2008 at 5:30 p.m.**

Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER

Town Chair Arden Tews called the public hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were Chairman Tews, Supervisor Gerhart, Supervisor Hanson, Supervisor Ziegler and Supervisor Youngquist, Administrator Sturgell, Dir. of Finance Piergrossi, Dir. Comm. Dev. Dearborn, Clerk Backman, Engineer Reibold, Attorney Koehler, Dir. Parks & Rec. Kading, Street Supt. Gallow. Others present were Barb Knaack, Melvin Schultz, Pat Dobberke, Patti Haase, Paul Eisen, Joe Nemecek, Claude Foster, Dick Vandeweghe, Gerald Voigt, William Ottow, Mike Dillon, Deb Swiertz, Steve Winter and Sue Connor.

2. OPEN DISCUSSION

Administrator Sturgell gave some background and described the scope of the trail construction project which will consist of completing portions of the trail along West American Drive and American Drive on the north side, and installation of sidewalks on the south side. The goal of completing these areas has the additional benefit of increased safety for pedestrians. Administrator Sturgell reviewed costs to include the budgeted amount of the project, the estimated project cost \$360,000., and the amount borrowed \$359,776. Of the project costs, the Town absorbs costs for bridges, stormwater, markings and engineering costs to leave a balance assessed back to the commercial property owners in the amount of \$237,885. The Town will also absorb the costs for one and two-family residential properties. The map of the area affected as well as the assessment schedule was also reviewed for the residents.

Resident Barb Knaack, Irish Road, made comments about the Town borrowing before the project had begun. Chairman Tews stated the money was borrowed all at once and stated when extra money is left from other projects it is not unusual for it to be applied to another project.

Supervisor Hanson questioned an agreement made in 2001 which stated one side of the road would be concrete and the other side a trail, and Comm. Dev. Dir. Dearborn gave details of the concept plan which dated back to 1996-97 as new development came into the Town requiring the need to separate vehicular traffic from pedestrians and a comprehensive plan to include trails. He explained the need for this project to be accelerated, as did Administrator Sturgell.

A Representative for Northern Management for Creekside Apartment property owners questioned the paved trail already assessed. Administrator Sturgell clarified that the trail needed to be extended to the property line and to the center of the bridge which cost would be shared by the property owner and Ogden, on the other side of the bridge.

Resident Patti Haase questioned whether the Town had special assessed the costs of trails and asked if grants were utilized in the past. Finance Director Piergrossi explained that the Town has used grant money, and the developers would pay for the trail upon development of the property. Ms. Haase also asked for clarification of where the sidewalks are on the south side of the road, and whether they are completed. Administrator Sturgell explained.

Ms. Sue Connor representing Premiere Real Estate and the Clover Meadows Apartments on American Drive asked what they were being assessed for. Engineer Reibold clarified that parcel no. 0085272 had 27 feet which was being assessed and showed her on the map. Supervisor Youngquist made positive comments about completing the trails for the residents and commended staff for doing a good job in analyzing the project's numbers.

3. CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING

At 5:55 p.m., Chairman Tews closed the public hearing. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Backman, Town Clerk