



MINUTES OF THE TOWN OF BARNES ROADS AND RIGHT OF WAY COMMITTEE

July 5, 2022

Members present were Dave Schiess, Chris Lane, Jeff Jordheim, Mark Holm, Greg Martin, Jim Frint

Also present: Michael Vespasiano, Dana Hagel, Andy Knudsen

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm, quorum established

Motion to approve minutes of 6/7/2022 passed (Lane/Holm), no changes

Public Comment

Michael Vespasiano, Dana Hagel, and Andy Knudsen expressed legitimate concern about their gravel road of residence, Twin Bay Road, and the dust as well as difficulty for walking and biking. They were interested in prospects for paving Twin Bay. There followed a good and open dialogue with the committee regarding challenges faced by communities such as Barnes in regard to apportioning resources for paving local roads. To pave Twin Bay (.86 mi.) at today's fluctuating asphalt prices would currently cost well in excess of \$150,000. The township's existing paved roads are approaching more than it can afford to properly maintain and repair. Committee will continue to keep request of these property owners under advisement.

Pine Chip Drive

Member of RROW committee recently made on-site visit to Pine Chip and found an absence of potholes or washboarding. Condition of the road was observed to be as good as, if not better than, other comparable roads in the township. Cost of paving, as discussed above, was again cited. Further action to be postponed.

Outlet Bay Road

Discussion was limited due to lack of anticipated budget estimate from Northwoods Paving. Further review may resume when this report is provided.

Right of ways

Committee is aware that a succinct right of way policy is needed. Discussion tabled.

Prioritize road repair

On-site visits of numerous roads in the township have been made by committee members to include but not limited to Birch Lake and Peninsula in our attempt to identify where repairs are most needed and warranted. Deficiency of adequate crew availability was mentioned by foreman Jeff Jordheim as an obstacle in achieving desired repair status.

Moen Road

South end of Moen where it intersects with Birch Lake will be squared, trees will be removed to improve sight-lines, and north bank will be repaired. Again, prioritization of this type of project was a concern in our dialogue as compared with other needs, e.g., Ellison/Moore intersect.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Martin/Frint) passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:56pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Holm, recorder

Next meeting Tuesday, August 2, 2022, 6:30pm, Barnes town garage