

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

December 11, 2017

Present were Don Dealing (chair), Eric Altman, Greg Martin, Tom Emerson, Mark Holm
Meeting called to order at 9:03AM
Motion (Martin/Emerson) to approve minutes of 11/13/17, passed without change

Flat tires on Lake Road

Full and careful discussion of reports of flat tires on Lake Road. Eric has provided traffic count data indicating more than 4200 trips along Lake Road over a recent 17-day stretch without any other reports of flat tires. Out of this, 3 or 4 incidents of flat tires would not be considered statistically significant.

Recommendation: Roads committee recommends to the town board that the Township of Barnes should not be responsible for cost of repairs for flat tires or other auto damage on Lake Road or other township roads.

Motion by Martin, second by Dealing, passed unanimously

Traffic Counts

Eric presented additional traffic count data to augment those shown in last month's meeting. Lake Road receives high travel, especially at the Jim's Bait intersection. Eric will continue road counts and we anticipate the information will be helpful when making future road work recommendations to the county.

On site inspections

Committee members will make visual inspections during next 30 days to identify paved roads and intersections that may need special work. Resulting reports will help when making future TRIB funding requests. We are already aware of the need for a "landing area" at several town intersections.

Electric Utility

A non-permitted cable was dug up by the Lake Road contractor, A1, between the VFW and it's parking lot. It was a private cable, unknown to the contractor, and therefore not "located" prior to roadwork at the site. Plans are in place for A1 to install conduit for VFW to pull new cable and there appear to be no special problems to prevent this.

Recommendation: The Roads Committee recommends that the town board obtain pricing to install permitted conduit at the platted right of way between VFW and parking lot, at depth to code requirement. Future action to be discussed and determined by town board.

Motion by Martin, second Emerson, passed unanimously

Pave Moore Road

Discussion of project to pave 1680 feet of Moore Rd that is now gravel going to Park Rd -- and identifying an alternative project if said paving project cannot be done due to right of way or land ownership issues. Committee feels certain funds could be re-allocated to other good and worthy projects, should this become necessary. Such projects may be identified in coming months based on committee reporting after on site visits described above in these minutes. Eric pointed out several existing road improvement opportunities in the town.

Future projects

Eric and the board concur that future projects will be carefully documented when expenditure recommendations are made.

Motion to adjourn (Dealing/Martin) passed, meeting adjourned 10:45AM.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Holm, recorder

NEXT MEETING MONDAY, JANUARY 15, 2018, 9:00AM