

**Town of Bradford**  
**Special Town Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 8, 2019 at the Bradford Town Hall at 6:00 p.m.**  
**Minutes**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

**Town Board Chair Sharon Douglas called the Special Town Board Meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. at the Bradford Town Hall. Also present were Supervisors Sarah Pope, Loren Bobolz Ben Wellnitz, Clerk Sandra Clarke and Rock County Highway Commissioner Duane Jorgenson.**

2. Adoption of the Agenda

**Motion to adopt the agenda. (Loren Bobolz/Ben Wellnitz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

3. Discussion and action with Rock County Highway Commissioner Duane Jorgenson on the Emerald Grove Railroad Bridge Replacement Project County Municipal Agreement

Duane Jorgenson reported that the funding for the Emerald Grove Road Railroad Bridge was set and then the Bureau of Rail and Harbor requested a second port (space for a second rail), the Municipal State Agreement (MSA) modified the design and the estimated cost was increased because the span was longer. Before they move forward they wanted to change management and they approved the change and approved an extension on the project. Then Duane received the revised County Municipal Agreement (CMA) He stated that the Bureau of Rail and Harbors is pushing this and he didn't know if they could get anymore funds. The railroad portion is capped at a 10% increase which makes the Town and County portions increase by \$30,000 each. He added that there will be a contingency in the design numbers and none are defined.

The Bureau of Rail and Harbors wants a second portal for the Creek Road Railroad Bridge also which will drive the project \$300,000 higher than the estimate. It won't actually have a second track. Duane Jorgenson stated that he was concerned that they may not get a changed management for this project. The most recent cost estimate had been \$140,000 on the SMA and CMA signed in November 2017. In July 2018 the Bureau of Rail and Harbors wanted a second portal. Amy Loudbeck fought for the project in

June before the second portal was request was known. He stated that the State should have been putting it together and because it was so political it has gone from Federal to State. There is money into the project for design already. The other alternative would be to deviate from the 45 mph speed zone which would shorten the design. He stated that even if they cover the 80% then it would be an additional \$50,000-\$60,000 split each. He doubted if the railroad would go for it. If they allowed a change management it would be an additional \$20,000-\$15,000 each. At this point the sunset date of 6-3-2020 is still on. The cover sheet on the Creek Road Railroad Bridge shows E/C which is extra contingency. On page 5 of 5 there is \$50,000 for specific underestimated items (E/C). The options are: to possibly shorten the bridge with a lower speed zone, possibly walk away from the project or to fund it.

Sharon Douglas stated that she was concerned how long a change of management would take to be approved and then they might miss the sunset date and lose all the funding.

Duane Jorgenson stated that another aspect was the County M bridge in Rock County that came in \$300,000 over the estimate because that project came in when the tariffs were on, so the activity at the federal level created uneasiness on bidding contracts. He added that in two years this estimate may or may not be the case.

Duane Jorgenson stated that with the Emerald Grove Road Railroad Bridge we are through that area because of the change of management. He stated that they have the project set but still have to work through the cost. The railroad signed off on Emerald Grove Road under the assumption we are going to do Creek Road Railroad Bridge and if the railroad pulls out \$70,000 could be lost there.

There will be a teleconference on Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m. at Duane Jorgenson's office with Zach Pearson from WIS DOT, Ellery Schafer from Jewell Engineering and Todd Needham. They will lay out the options. The change is the portal opening which was not in the SMA or CMA before so we could approach a change of management with Zach Pearson.

The teleconference will involve discussion on options, change of management, change of design, willingness to increase funding and discussion of time frame.

Loren Bobolz asked about having Park Committee Head take care of trees along the park, Duane Jorgenson said he would take care of talking to head of committee and suggested it might be a place to conduct the chainsaw training.

4. Discussion and action on Carvers Rock Road reconditioning project to develop bid notices, other paver repair projects and roadwork

The board reviewed the drawings and plans for Carvers Rock Road culvert replacement and reconditioning, Larsen Road paver repair, two areas on B-C Townline for paver repair, Maple Lane paver repair and Carvers Rock Road paver repair prepared for Sharon Douglas by Ron Duffy. Chair Sharon Douglas stated that the Carvers Rock Road Reconditioning Project could be about \$30,000 more because of the increase in scope, including the culvert replacement and Larsen Road paver repair as one project for one bid. She will order the culvert and have it delivered. The bid notice will include, "Contractor is responsible for all appropriate signage and traffic control".

**Motion to put the Carvers Rock Road reconditioning and culvert replacement and Larsen Road paver repair project out for bids. (Ben Wellnitz/Loren Bobolz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

The board reviewed the proposals for paver repair on Maple Lane, Carvers Rock Road and two areas of B-C Townline Road. If these areas are done the chip sealing might not be able to be done and just do crack filling.

**Motion to approve Yoss Construction to do the paver repairs on four projects. (Ben Wellnitz/Loren Bobolz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

Bryce Nass from Ideal Midwest is willing to continue the pothole filling for the same amount as last year.

**Motion to approve the two-year contract for Ideal Midwest for pot hole filling. (Ben Wellnitz/Loren Bobolz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

5. Adjournment

**Motion to adjourn. (Loren Bobolz/Ben Wellnitz) The motion carried by voice vote with no negative vote.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Sandra Clarke, Clerk**