

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE JOINT MEETING WITH THE TOWN OF VERNON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS &  
THE VILLAGE OF BIG BEND PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION**

**Thursday, February 15, 2007**

**6:00 PM – 7:00 PM**

Vernon Town Hall Meeting Room

W249 S8910 Center Drive

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1. CALL TO ORDER. Chairman Al Kunert called the meeting to order.
2. ROLL CALL. Chairman Kunert, Supervisors Paff, Finch, Tylinski, Clerk Gresch, Department of Public Works Director Salentine, Town Engineer Tom Ludwig, Village of Big Bend Public Works Commission, Village of Big Bend Engineer Jim Smith, Village President Hense and Village Trustee Strickler. Supervisor Reilly arrived at 6:50 PM.
3. OPEN MEETING LAW COMPLIANCE CHECK. Chairman Kunert asked the Clerk if the agenda was properly noticed. Clerk Gresch stated yes.
4. MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS. The following matters will be discussed and possible action taken by the Town Board:
  - a. Review of Edgewood Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Chairman Kunert asked if the Village of Big Bend Engineer would review the project. Village Trustee Soneberg stated Village of Big Bend Engineer Jim Smith would review the project. Engineer Jim Smith stated the project starts from HWY 164 and runs east to CTH L. He reviewed the drawing of the cross section of the road. He stated they decided against curb and gutter and storm sewers. He stated we went with a cross between a rural and urban cross section. He stated there is no base under the road and we have to excavate 18 inches down. Village Trustee Soneberg stated there will be extra pavement on the shoulder as well instead of curb and gutter like Edgewood West of HWY 164. Village Trustee Soneberg the last time this road was done was before 1970. He stated we are looking to fix the road during this summer, while school is out. Engineer Jim Smith stated the sidewalk will go from Edgewood Plaza on the north side to where it meets Muskego. Trustee Soneberg stated that the ROW is smaller on the south side of the road, so it's more cost effective to put it on the north side of the road. Supervisor Finch asked who is going to maintain that sidewalk. Chairman Kunert stated the property owners will. Supervisor Tylinski asked about the sidewalk and culvert pipe. Engineer Jim Smith stated we will be fixing that culvert. Supervisor Finch asked which Town property owners are on Edgewood Avenue that will have sidewalk. Engineer Jim Smith stated about four properties. Chairman Kunert asked the purpose of the sidewalk. Trustee Soneberg stated safety for the children walking to school. He stated we have many people walking on Edgewood Avenue. Trustee Soneberg stated they are looking at a new four-way stop by the Payne & Dolan site and Durand Drive, along with cross-walks at 2 other intersections.

Supervisor Finch asked if the sidewalks go onto Vernon properties, will that mean other people in Vernon will want sidewalks, and asked if we were setting a precedent? Chairman Kunert stated we are not in favor of sidewalks and we are not going to pay for sidewalks so we don't want to set a precedent. Trustee Soneberg stated it's cheaper for the Village of Big Bend to pay for sidewalks than to pay for easements. Town of Vernon Engineer Tom Ludwig stated there are certain ramifications to having sidewalks. He stated many communities avoid sidewalks, and call them side paths or walking paths. Engineer Ludwig stated what you call them may affect precedence. He stated there are issues regarding keeping sidewalks clean and other issues. Trustee Soneberg stated sidewalks have been along STH 164 for a long time and they haven't really been a problem and the Town can view their ordinance on that. He stated the Town of Vernon has legitimate concerns. He stated the enforcement of sidewalks falls onto the Sheriff's Department, not the Department of Public Works. He asked if you get a developer that wants to put sidewalks in, will the Town deny the developer to put sidewalks in. Chairman Kunert stated if the developer pays for it and it is included in the Developers Agreement or by ordinance to maintain them. Chairman Kunert stated we are here about the engineering costs.

Engineer Ludwig asked Engineer Jim Smith if there is any grant funding. Engineer Jim Smith stated there is a possibility for that; the sidewalks have to be put in for schools. Trustee Soneberg stated they have looked at many many different options. Engineer Jim Smith stated we started out planning an arterial road with a parking lane which was very very costly. Trustee Soneberg stated they looked at what will be the best for both communities. Department of Public Works Director asked about the plans for CTH L and Edgewood Avenue. Trustee Soneberg stated the County denied those plans. He stated Village of Big Bend told the County they would fix up the intersection and clean it up and the County wants the Village of Big Bend to fix the whole intersections and other problems in that area. Supervisor Tylinski asked about street lighting. Trustee Soneberg stated we will be looking at street lighting after the construction is done so we know exactly where the lights should go.

Trustee Strickler stated Edgewood Avenue used to be a main trucking route, which now there are trucking restrictions on Edgewood Avenue. Chairman Kunert stated we are having that problem on Artesian Avenue. Trustee Soneberg stated they are looking at making the trucking route come out on CTH L.

b. Discussion and action of payment to the Village of Big Bend for the Edgewood Avenue Reconstruction Project.

Chairman Kunert stated their concern is the costs. Department of Public Works Director stated so far we have about \$6,000 in costs. Chairman Kunert stated we approved a rural cross section, and pay 14% of those costs. Trustee Soneberg stated they thought that is what they accomplished. Engineer Ludwig stated he was asked in 2005 to put together a hypothetical cost. He stated since then, pavement costs have gone up 100%. He stated he came up with a cost of about \$18,268 for design and construction costs. He stated we have been receiving invoices and he was asked to review the costs, which he came up with \$2,598. He stated with construction and design costs, we are looking at \$18,268, but that number is about two years old. Chairman Kunert asked Trustee Soneberg for his estimated Town of Vernon costs. Trustee Soneberg stated we were calculating 14% of the total project, about \$100,000. Engineer Ludwig stated he has not reviewed the latest estimate that was reviewed today. He stated the estimate from 2005 isn't based on what was actually designed and showed to us today. Trustee Soneberg stated we aren't trying to do something cheap, but we want something quality.

Chairman Kunert asked about the four homes on the north side of Edgewood and their road footage. Engineer Ludwig stated 1,030 feet total. Chairman Kunert stated it comes out to about \$1,000/foot. Engineer Ludwig stated it's hard to compare. He stated the Town of Vernon does a recondition, not a reconstruction. Director Salentine stated we pulverize and pave. He stated Edgewood Avenue will be starting over from scratch and we have never done that. Chairman Kunert asked if \$1,000/foot is reasonable for this project. Director Salentine stated he is not sure. Engineer Ludwig stated the estimates are reasonable. Trustee Soneberg stated he is taking out the concrete costs for the sidewalks and will get a new number. Chairman Kunert stated he is trying to compare apples to apples. Engineer Ludwig stated yes. Engineer Jim Smith stated the DOT has a number of \$1 Million/Mile. Chairman Kunert stated based on that it could be \$2,000/foot. Supervisor Paff asked Director Salentine how he would redo this road if we were doing it. Director Salentine stated by us doing the road program, we avoid these large costs of reconstruction. He stated there is no way to repair Edgewood Avenue. He stated that is why we have our road program. Trustee Soneberg stated he has been trying to avoid sticker shock. Trustee Soneberg stated without the concrete for sidewalks, the Town of Vernon is looking at \$94,500. Supervisor Paff stated that is about \$70,000 more than what we planned on. Supervisor Paff asked if we could have Engineer Ludwig re-quote this in today's dollars. Chairman Kunert stated for Engineer Ludwig has already said these are sound numbers. Supervisor Paff stated we need a cost based on a rural cross section. Supervisor Paff stated it would benefit us to have Engineer Ludwig price out a rural cross section. Chairman Kunert asked what the \$35,000 for contingencies is. Engineer Jim Smith stated that is 5% for what ifs. Trustee Soneberg stated we haven't put this out to bid yet, so there could be a fluctuation up or down.

Engineer Ludwig stated he sees three options. 1 – find new estimates with the new numbers and the new plan. 2 – take what Engineer Jim Smith designed with those numbers and pick out what is a rural cross section, or 3 – pay what they are asking for. Engineer Ludwig stated we didn't have any soil borings costs in the estimate. He stated based on new findings, he recommends soil borings. Engineer Ludwig stated the \$45,000 they spent is for a full urban reconstruction. Supervisor Paff stated for engineering alone, we should only be paying \$2,500. Engineer Ludwig stated correct. Engineer Ludwig suggested going thru the Village of Big Bend's plans with Department of Public Works Director Salentine and pick out the pieces that are not a rural cross section and come up with a new number. Trustee Soneberg asked about the engineering costs. He stated we figured on \$6,000 coming from the Town. Supervisor Paff stated we would pay for a rural cross section road, exactly what a Town builds. Trustee Soneberg stated he feels that they have presented just that tonight.

Supervisor Paff stated he is concerned that the Village of Big Bend and our engineer are coming up with two different numbers. Trustee Soneberg stated we are going thru a whole reconstruction, whereas the town pulverizes and paves, which is different costs. Engineer Jim Smith stated to plan for a reconstruction is at a totally different level. Trustee Soneberg stated overlays are much easier and less expensive. Trustee Soneberg stated Edgewood Avenue is too far gone to do an overlay. Chairman Kunert suggested Engineer Ludwig and Director Salentine go thru the new list, fine tune it and come up with new calculations of today's costs with today's plan, including work for reconstruction. Chairman Kunert stated if it comes out this is a reasonable cost, we have to pay for it. He stated it should include just the cost of the road. Engineer Ludwig stated what Chairman Kunert suggested is option 2. Director Salentine stated there are costs in here that we have never dealt with before. Chairman Kunert stated Engineer Ludwig will be able to tell if these are reasonable costs. Engineer Ludwig stated he was asked to do back in 2005, was a hypothetical without any design to review. Engineer Ludwig stated the costs that were presented tonight are reasonable. He stated he is being asked to look at the list to see if there is anything that the Town wouldn't normally do when they build a road. Chairman Kunert stated we knew the road had to be reconstructed; we just didn't know what the costs would be like, because we've never been through this on our own roads. Trustee Soneberg asked if the Town feels the Village of Big Bend engineering costs are out of line. Supervisor Paff stated yes.

Chairman Kunert stated Engineer Ludwig needs to re-run his engineering costs based on a reconstruction, not a grind and re-surface. Village President Brian Hense stated they received three bids on the engineering and Applied Technologies won the bid. Chairman Kunert stated there are different levels of engineering that we were not aware of. He stated when this was pitched, we were not aware that we would be going down 18 inches. Engineer Ludwig stated engineering is 6% of reconstruction costs, which is reasonable. He stated he recommends the town concentrate on construction costs. Department of Public Works Director Salentine stated we need to act on this quickly because this will be coming out of our 2007 road program. Board members asked what we had budgeted for this from our budget. Director Salentine stated about \$34,000. Board members stated we would need about \$60,000 more. Director Salentine asked for this to be put on another agenda so he and Engineer Ludwig can review this. Trustee Soneberg stated he would like the current costs resolved, or put this off until 2008 so it would help the Town of Vernon. Chairman Kunert stated the costs could go up by 2008. Director Salentine stated Payne & Dolan said costs will be stabilizing and it is a good idea to hold it off until 2008 so we can budget for it. Trustee Soneberg stated it would be done between Memorial Day and Labor Day. Chairman Kunert asked if the Village of Big Bend would be willing to push this off until 2008. Village President Brian Hense stated they are ok with it if we are willing on prices going up over another year. Chairman Kunert stated we should get the engineering costs out of the way. Chairman Kunert asked if the Village of Big Bend can wait until March 1 for final costs. Town Board members concurred with talking about this again on March 1.

**MOTION** Supervisor Paff moved to table this item to the March 1, 2007 Town Board agenda, seconded by Supervisor Reilly, carried by voice vote.

Chairman Kunert thanked the Village of Big Bend for coming to the Town Board to explain this to us. Chairman Kunert suggested that if we do a joint project again, we have a joint committee. Trustee Soneberg agreed.

5. MOTION FOR ADJOURNMENT.

**MOTION**            **Supervisor Finch moved to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Paff, carried by voice vote.**

**Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.**

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Gina C. Gresch, CMC / WCMC  
Town of Vernon Clerk  
Waukesha County

APPROVED:  
As printed            (   )  
With amendments (   )

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Alan Kunert, Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_