

## Special Springfield Town Board Minutes Tuesday, February 24, 2015 @ 6:30 p.m.

- I. Call to Order, Roll Call, Pledge of Allegiance - Chair Don Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m., Roll call shows Chair Don Hoffman, Supervisors Art Meinholz, Jim Pulvermacher, and Dan Dresen present. Also present were Road Patrolman Mark Grosse, Clerk Carolyn Hacker, Deputy Clerk Jan Barman, and Dave Barman. Mike Statz, MSA and Tom Koprowski, DOT, Ralph Laufenberg, Scott Laufenberg, Plan Commission, Doug & Terri Middleton and Chris Churchill.
- II. Confirmation of Compliance with Open Meetings Law - Clerk Hacker reported that notice of this meeting was met by posting at the Town Hall, corner of CTH K and Church Roads, Schneider Road Business Center and on the website. Meeting is also being taped.
- III. Informal Public Comment Time -None
- IV. Discussion and possible action for US 12 Corridor Study - Chair Hoffman introduced Tom Koprowski from WI DOT and Mike Statz, MSA and turned the meeting over to them. Koprowski stated that they will be planning a public hearing in 2-3 months, before that they will begin to contact the property owners that will be affected by the project.
- He handed out the maps that have been determined as the preferred plans. The project is in three parts, North, Central and South areas. There has been a lot of start and stop to this project with Hwy 19, Mendota Pkwy and Madison Beltline studies coming up in between and how they will tie in with this project. They have talked to school districts, EMS, PD, Fire, DNR, Utility Companies, archaeologist, and more to get feedback. They received good feedback on the design from the PD and EMS concerning emergency routes.
- The freeway conversion is being looked at to remove access off of Hwy 12. The frontage roads will be two way, they were originally planned to be one way, but emergency responders didn't like that.
- Studies that went into this project came from emergency responders, utility coordination, archaeological/historical society, oversized/overweight trucks, environmental documentation to name a few.
- Mike Statz discussed the routes that are not being considered and why. One of these plans on the North area map omitted the interchange at Hwy P because it is too close to the Hwy 19 interchange, they like at least 1 ½ mile between, and it would take out too many homes, they had different options to go around, but it would have interfered with Harmony Pond development and they didn't like going near or through the marsh. They want to look at options that have the least effect on real estate. He stated that Lodi-Springfield Rd. between current Hwy P and Hwy 19 would become the new Hwy P with a round-about at intersection of P & 19. Lodi-Springfield Rd is now 66' wide; it will be upgraded to an 80' road to meet County highway standards.
- Statz was asked when this would take place, he stated that there is no money set aside for this project at this time, it could be years out unless the government comes up with the money some other way.
- Doug Middleton asked if the properties on Lodi-Springfield Rd. would be affected as far as property values, Statz stated that it would have an impact on values.
- Statz stated that Ag traffic has presented a big challenge; frontage roads will be built to County standards to help with the bigger Ag traffic. Hoffman asked who will be responsible for these

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frontage roads. Statz stated his understanding is that DOT will be building and maintaining these roads according to County standards. He didn't believe that these will become town roads.

Statz went to the central map: he stated that there is a burial site at the corner of Hwy 12 and Meffert Rd that can't be disturbed. As you can see on the map they are trying to keep as close to Hwy 12 as possible. The intersection on Kick-a-boo was discussed with the people that are in charge of the wind turbines, the design was considered for bringing in blades for maintenance. Meinholz asked why you would make the frontage road on the East side two way for one farm building and with the two way that farm may be taken. Statz replied that the Emergency responders requested this.

South area map: Statz pointed out that there will a round-about on each side of the overpass. He called this a calming before the interchange. It was asked if the bike path is between the highway and the frontage road, Statz stated that in some area, yes, the bike path will stay where it is next to the highway and the frontage road will be built on the other side. Is this safe for the bikers? He stated that it will be built to conform to state standards. Koprowski mentioned that their crash data will need to be updated. Jan Barman asked if the house on the corner on Hwy K & 12 is Betty Browns? Yes. Betty will lose most of her front yard and a portion of the side yard with the extra turn lanes planned in 2015-2016, and lose the entire house with this project, why wouldn't they buy it now and be done with it. Save her a lot of stress. Statz stated it's budgeted for just what they need for each project.

With the construction being years out, this part is mapping the right-of-way; this could affect rezones and building where it could be an issue when the construction does happen.

The next steps include, Local Officials Meeting, Property Owners Meeting, Public Involvement, Finalize Alternatives, Finalize Environmental Report, Map Proposed Right-of-way (2016-2017) and WIS SS 84.295 Plat Map.

Let minutes show Dave Laufenberg arrived at 7:45

This meeting was intended to inform the Town Board where DOT's plans are and the preferred route. They will begin to contact property owners that will have homes, buildings and/or sheds affected.

v. Adjourn - Motion made by (Pulvermacher/Dresen) to adjourn at 8:00. All ayes, carried.

Minutes by Carolyn Hacker, Clerk/Treasurer

MINUTES APPROVED 03/03/2015