



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

June 11, 2024

Members present were Jeff Jordheim, Doug Westerberg, Jim Frint, Chris Lane, Dave Scheiss, Mark Holm, Greg Martin

Meeting called to order at 6:29pm, quorum established by roll call

Motion to approve minutes of 5/7/2024 passed (Martin/Frint), no changes

There was no public comment

River Road Bridge

Committee reviewed an extensive assessment dated June 3, 2024, by Bill Kovaleski of Auxilium North engineering services of Superior, of structure that spans waterway between Middle Eau Claire and Lower Eau Claire lakes. Report included photographs of areas of structural deterioration. Bridge is over 70 years old and shows immanent and urgent safety risks – is not repairable but must be replaced. Committee expressed concern regarding use of the bridge by snow removal equipment, normal truck traffic, and school busses as well as danger to regular passenger vehicle traffic.

Motion by Lane, second by Martin, passed unanimously:

The Committee recommends closure of River Road Bridge to all traffic effective July 8 subject to appropriate notification of dispatch, EMTs, fire emergency service, DNR, etc.

Pease Road/Barnes Road crack fill

Committee discussed and approved crack fill of these roads subject to estimate of cost.

Moore Road intersection

Progress delayed pending submission of bids.

Town garage replacement

Extensive discussion of future of the current township garage including: new building vs add-on, funding, location, safety concerns, and physical condition of the current facility. This involves a long-range time window but RROW agrees prudence calls for near-term consideration. A separate committee should be formed to begin review, especially funding options.

Project Log

For accountability and recording purposes, the committee maintains a simple log of projects that have been discussed at regular meetings. This has been and will continue to be updated as appropriate to include reconstruct vs repair.

Adjourn

Motion to adjourn (Frint/Lane) passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned 7:28pm.

Respectfully submitted, Mark Holm, recorder

Next meeting Tuesday, July 2, 2024, 6:30pm at township garage

