

AGENDA: STREETS, UTILITIES, & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE
425 Water Street, Lomira
January 22, 2025 6pm

The committee will meet to discuss the following:

- Repaving the roadway by Haak Chiropractic's parking lot and access South Avenue by Water Street
- Discuss revenues and expenditures of the wheel tax fund and possible continuation or discontinuation of the fee

Adjourn

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Village of Lomira Administrator-Clerk-Treasurer

STREETS, UTILITIES, & SOLID WASTE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 22, 2025

This meeting was called to order at 6pm by Chairman Gary More.

Attendance: Rebecca Alf, Eric Kohlmann, Gary More

Public Attendance: Joey Jewell, Leah Henckel of the Dodge County Pionier, Roger and Lona Sarasin, Dr. Joseph Haak, Donald Luedtke, Nick Roskopf, Jenna Rhein

The committee met to discuss the condition of the section of South Avenue by Haak Chiropractic. Dr. Haak currently holds a lease agreement with the Village for using a portion of the dead-end for his customer parking and he has been granted permission to improve the section of the roadway he uses for parking. Considering this has brought up the matter of repaving the deteriorating roadway.

The committee discussed options to possibly abandon the roadway, grant easements to the adjoining property owners, and split off the parcel. The Village has a sewer line under the roadway, so an easement will need to be granted to the Village as well. Nick Roskopf provided a quote to repave the entire section of roadway of \$18K.

Eric Kohlmann suggested the Village split the parcel, sell it off as is and not repave.

Gary More suggested to sell the parcel and split the cost of paving.

Dr. Haak questioned if he could be offered to purchase the entire roadway and then grant an easement to the Village and adjoining property owners.

Don Luedtke suggested the Village keep the roadway and lease the parking spots used by the apartments on the north side of the road.

Nick Roskopf stated the roadway will never continue to the west over the railroad tracks. It is also important to note that the street will remain a dead end and Southwest Auto, Iron, & Metal's official address is located on South Avenue.

The committee's recommendation to the Board will be to sell the roadway, repave it and special assess it back to the adjoining property owners, have the adjoining property owners make agreements for easements.

Next, Gary More began wheel tax discussions. Current ordinance states the wheel tax sunsets in August 2026 unless it is continued by a passing referendum vote. The cost to create a referendum question on the ballot can be approximately \$2K for attorney fees, etc. This does not include marketing or costs associated for public hearings, publications, etc. Gary suggested he could put together a presentation as to why the wheel tax is needed, but he is not confident it could get the right exposure.

Eric Kohlmann suggested the importance of showing what the wheel tax has been used for and the plans for the funds. Jenna Rhein and Nick Roskopf can provide a timeline of projects, revenues and expenditures. Eric recommended the committee proceed with planning a referendum.

Becky Alf suggested the wheel tax cost be lowered to \$20 and to take a public poll/survey prior to planning a referendum.

Gary More suggested the Board can change the current ordinance to maintain the fee. He thought a referendum may be difficult to pass. Gary posed the question if the Board should change the ordinance to keep the \$30 fee or go to referendum.

The committee recommended to bring the topic back to the Board to determine next steps.

Meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

Jenna Rhein, Village A/C/T