

BENSON TOWN BOARD

SPECIAL MEETING

JUNE 22, 2015

Minutes

THE PURPOSE OF THIS MEETING IS TO DISCUSS BENSON ROADS AND WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE TO THEM

Meeting Opened @ 6:30 PM

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call

Present: Supervisor P.C. Snyder
Councilmen: J. Stortecky, J. Shepard III, D. Gregor
Deputy Hwy. Supt. George Blowers

Public Present: Paul Zahray, Cheryl Gregor, Donna Blowers, Michele and Dom Cusano, Jay and Sadie Gander, Charles Biche, Joe Reynolds, Jacques Parent

D. Gregor: How did you make decision for repairs to North Rd. rather than other roads in Town?

G. Blowers: Because North Rd. on the far end is crumbling; it is falling apart. River Rd. still has some thickness to it; yes, it needs repair but other places need it more.

D. Gregor: River Rd. gets considerably more travelled than the end of North Rd. River Rd. has broken shoulders, pot holes, dips and at the beginning of it, it is crumbling.

P. Snyder: Tracey Eldridge put up markers there and will put in white line 2ft. from them. Repair for that corner of River Rd and Benson Rd. is part of County Hwy. Dept. budget and for this year it is not in their budget.

D. Gregor: Who makes budgetary recommendations regarding this?

P. Snyder: I tell Tracey what I'd like to see done. This year it is the 1st bridge east of the Town Hall that needs to be widened.

D. Gregor: Will you consult with the Board in the future, not just with the Hwy. Supt. about work that needs to be done? I would like to see that and allow the Board's input in these matters.

P. Snyder: Tracey asks me for recommendations and we confer. He then does what he can. I'm not sure how it all works.

D. Gregor: Is there any way we can suggest work on River and Hogan Rds. They are a mess.

P. Snyder: I would like to see plans made for working on all our roads in the future.

D. Gregor: I would like to present this petition to George and the Board from residents of Benson.

Mr. Gregor read the Petition concerning road conditions.

Phil: I would like to see Hogan Rd. made into one ramp as opposed to the way it is now.

G. Blowers: North Rd. needs repair the most - \$16,000.00 of CHIPS money will cover cost for North Rd. this year.

P. Snyder: No commitments have been made for 2016 yet.

Public Input:

Michele would like to see River Rd. worked on.

Cheryl sees River Rd. as being worse than North Rd. It's narrow, curvy, with much more traffic. Also, pieces of shoulder are gone around some curves. The end of North Rd. has only a couple of residents where River Rd. has many who travel it.

The privacy of e-mails was discussed.

Mr. Reynolds stated that if North Rd. was done now, it should last twenty years because it gets little traffic. The present condition must not be too good for town equipment.

Jay Gander asked if it was wise to spend \$16,000.00 to fix, but not assuredly, the road. Will what you're thinking of doing last?

Response: If we wait to fix it, next year it will cost more.

Town outbuilding at Town Hall was removed to the dump.

Electric cable will be buried underground from Town Hall to pole. The cost is approx.. \$600.00.

J. Stortecky read article from Hamilton County Express re: Webber/Benson Lawsuit. Short discussion ensued regarding article.

Motion to adjourn @7:30PM by J Shepard; 2nd by D. Gregor.

J. Shepard made a motion for the Board to go into executive session; 2nd by D. Gregor

Vote: J. Stortecky, - Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion carried.

Board entered into executive session at 7:40 PM for discussion of Benson/Webber lawsuit.

Motion to adjourn at 8:00PM by D. Gregor; 2nd by J. Shepard

Vote: J. Stortecky – Aye J. Shepard – Aye D. Gregor – Aye P. Snyder – Aye

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Cox

June 28, 2015