

Draft Infrastructure Committee Meeting Minutes

December 1st, 2021

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Jim Tyler, at 11:33 am

Members Present: Chair Jim Tyler, Drew Martin, Marty Tarr, Dale Cooke, Jack Redefer

Others present: Town Administrator Kate Banaszak, Town Manager Bill Zolper, Infrastructure liaison Commissioner David Jasinski, Commissioner Gary Persinger(virtually) and Kevin Zelinsky, representing Remington & Vernick Engineers, Charles? SPS Pipe Services

Adopt agenda: Motion by Dale, 2nd Jack, approved unanimously

Approval of November 8th, 2021 Minutes: Motion by Jack, 2nd by Dale, approved unanimously based on Dale's change to note the commissioner liaison and funds could "possibly" be available.

Bill Zolper made the committee aware that there is currently \$573,000.00 in the Infrastructure budget. Also, working on the project at the end of Bellevue, to finish cleaning up the street.

Jim opened discussion on the possibility of voting on options to reline or reconstruct storm water assets on McKinley and Bayard Avenues. Jim provided a chart listing two options for McKinley and Bayard Avenues. Option 1, Clean, Video, reline existing infrastructure for both at a cost of \$225,000, McKinley only \$135,000.00 or Bayard Only \$90,000.00. Option 2, Excavate, remove and replace in kind, total \$478,000.00, McKinley only \$253,000.00 and Bayard only \$225,000.00.

Kevin Zelinsky then gave an overview of the entire project and the costs associated with the project. Kevin noted that they are unable to identify the pipe coming from structure 26 and if it does in fact connect to structure 27 or 29. The reason for this was that heavy cleaning was needed and as it was cleaned the integrity of the pipe began to fail. Also, 30 to 59 was completely packed and not accessible. That area will require DNREC permitting to access because of the protected marsh area. Kevin noted that any replacement of pipes will be plastic pipes and agreed with the figures on Jim's chart. Jim asked about the added cost stemming from the unknown pipe connection at structure 26. Kevin noted that the repair of that pipe would be included in the total cost of the repairs. Dale confirmed that the repair cost included repairs done from 30 to 59 through the marsh and Kevin confirmed that it did. Kevin also confirmed with Charles at SPS that the video work done, showed that the pipes were completely inaccessible. Dale noted that the committee must approve the higher figure of \$253,000.00 for McKinley as the worst case. Drew asked if there was a financial advantage to doing both projects at one time for the Town. Kevin could not give a figure, but felt that there would be possible savings to the Town. Bill Zolper then confirmed with Kevin that doing both projects at once will save the Town some money and Kevin confirmed. Dale then asked Bill Zolper what was in the

infrastructure fund and Bill confirmed that it is \$573,000.00. Dale felt that we should approve the money for both projects. Kevin also reminded the committee that after the work is completed that it must be maintained with annual cleaning, quarterly inspections. Dale stated that the funds for cleaning the pipes should be put in the Town budget. Jack agreed with Dale's assessment and felt like the funds were available for the maintenance. He also stated that he was very concerned with the potential added costs revolving around structure 59. He also asked if we could possibly get any State funds. Jim questioned Kevin about structure 31, Could the pipe leading to pipe #59, be an outfall and the rest of 59 abandoned. Dale makes a motion to use \$478,000.00 from the infrastructure fund to cover the entire Bayard and McKinley repair project. Drew questioned Kevin about Jim's proposal for an outfall at #31. Kevin liked Jim's idea, but did bring up possible erosion issues with water entering the marsh at high levels. Marty questioned if the changes would increase the flooding in that area. Kevin stated that the pipes are currently not functioning and that area is already taking the brunt of the flooding. He stated by just opening up the pipes, the flow of water into the marsh/bay would improve. Drew stated concerns that this plan would also cause more flooding in this area. Jack questioned where the water would go. Marty questioned whether the water would flow down Hayden Street when the marsh is full. Jack stated that he felt that is why DNREC originally had the pipe going to the bay. After considering all the input, Kevin agreed that 59 should be used to take the water to the bay. Marty stated that the flooding has increased in the 20 years that she lived there, so the blocked pipes made sense. Marty asked if there was a possibility to run a pipe to the bay through the Lions Club property. Kevin stated that is possible, but easements would be needed. Jack is concerned that it would just push the water to someone else's property. Kevin stated the problems with the pipes filling on Read Ave and the need for ongoing maintenance. Jack questioned if there will be extra charges on the project. Kevin felt the numbers were solid unless DNREC possibly came back with issues revolving around 59 and the marsh. Based on that variable, Jack suggested that we include possible increases in the estimate as part of Dale's proposed motion. Marty requested that Dale state the motion. Dale proposes a motion that \$478,000.00 should be used from the infrastructure fund to repair Bayard and McKinley Streets per the estimate provided by Engineers, Remington and Vernick. As part of the motion, the committee would review any added costs from "unintended consequences" and vote to approve or not approve those expenses. Drew 2nd's the motion, unanimous approval.

Marty felt like this project will address this flooding.

Jack, it will not prevent flooding, but it will help get water to the bay as quickly as possible.

Jim moved to item four to discuss and possibly vote on priorities on projects that will address flooding in Town. Dale suggested that Jim should come up with a list of priorities. At the next meeting we could discuss the list and possibly approval those priorities. Jack felt it was important to have a budget in hand and discuss priorities based on that. Dale thinks we need to get the Town Manager to give us his priorities and we could discuss those. Bill stated that we have addressed two of his main priorities with the Bayard/McKinley repairs. He stated that he would also like to discuss the berm at the end of Bayard, which needs repairs. Jack stated that we need a zero number for the infrastructure fund to insure we have emergency funds available. Jim asked if the fund receives 20% of building permit fees and Gary confirmed that. Gary asked about the \$26,400.00 for Read Street, coming out of the infrastructure fund. Bill stated that the funds hopefully will come from the American Rescue Act funds and not the infrastructure budget. Bill stated that maybe there will be another \$50,000.00 available from the fund for

infrastructure. Jim decided not to move forward on the priorities at this time.
Member comments:

Jack thinks the project will really help protect the Town
Marty is grateful that we got this project moving forward
Drew thanks Bill for finding the funds through the American Rescue Act

Bill said the money was approved for the Read Street project, contract signed and work will be begin, if possible, after January 6th, 2022.

Jim thanked Kevin and the everyone on the committee.

Possible meeting for February discussed.

Jack made a motion to adjourn and Dale 2nd. Approved unanimously

Meeting ended at 12:26