

The Ledgeview Town Board held an Informational Meeting on Monday, December 2, 2013 at the Ledgeview Municipal Building located at 3700 Dickinson Road, De Pere, WI 54115. The Informational Meeting was called to order by Chairman Hess at 5:02 p.m.

Board members present were Mark Hess, Renee Van Rossum, Phil Danen, Richard Huxford, and Andy Schlag.

Staff present were Scott Brosteau, Town Engineer, Sarah Burdette, Town Clerk/Administrator, Luann Pansier, Town Treasurer, and Charlotte Nelson Deputy Town Clerk.

The purpose of the meeting was to:

1. To discuss curb, gutter and sidewalk installation on portions of Oak Ridge Circle and Ledgeview Road in coordination with the GV-10 Reconstruction Project.
2. Update on the GV-10 Reconstruction Project and access points.
3. Question and answer period.

Chairman Hess turned the meeting over to Town Engineer, Scott Brosteau. Brosteau gave a brief overview of the status of the GV-10 project. The plans are approximately 90% complete with two crossover locations where future town roads are mapped. The theory behind the two crossovers is there are roundabouts at each end of the GV-10 section making it easy for drivers to go through the roundabout and come back to get to destinations on the opposite side of the road. There was discussion on whether or not U-Turns will be allowed at the two crossover locations. There are no plans, at this time, to install "No U-Turn" signs. There is concern about students walking to and from school safely. Plans are to install a roundabout complete with sidewalks at the intersection of Ledgeview Road and CTH GV. Sidewalk would be installed on the south side of Oak Ridge Circle to South Parker and a trail will be constructed on the north side of Ledgeview Road from CTH GV to Creamery Road. The town will be assessing some costs to the residents for this sidewalk; cost estimates at this time are approximately \$31-\$33.00/foot. There will be a future public hearing on the assessments once more is known about the direction the GV-10 Project is going.

Discussion continued regarding the crossovers. The general understanding received from the county at the time of the initial public informational meeting was that GV-10 was going to look/be the same as GV-9; that there wasn't going to be a limit on the number of crossovers. As the planning stages moved forward, there was change in the County Highway Department's upper management which subsequently changed the thinking behind the GV-10 project. Currently, the reasoning behind the limited crossovers is that there are going to be roundabouts at both ends of the GV-10 section making it simple to go through the roundabouts and come back to the destination on the opposite side of the road. The town, however, requested additional crossovers to accommodate the established businesses along this section of GV, to which the county agreed to two additional crossovers located at the future town roads on the Area Development Map. At this time, the county is firm with two additional crossovers and are reluctant to attend any additional meetings regarding crossovers. Existing business owners along the corridor are disappointed with the crossover situation, and, along with the board, would like to see some negotiation take place in order to find some common ground. It is understood that the county is not going to negotiate on the crossovers and that two additional crossovers is a take it or leave it situation.

Since the timing of the southern bypass is unclear at this time, there was a question about leaving GV-10 a two lane highway and resurfacing the road until a clear direction is known on the southern bypass. However, if it is the town's intention to attract commercial growth in this area, then the infrastructure needs to be in place before any large commercial business will look at Ledgeview as a potential place to expand. Conversation was had about having a center turn lane vs. a boulevard. The thought behind a boulevard is to not establish another Oneida Street or commercial business district. The overall thought was to attract a big box store with smaller stores around it so that it's commercial, but not a commercial district. The town atmosphere is desired

with the boulevard concept vs. the city feel with a center turn lane. GV-10 is also planned to have trail lights and trail lighting throughout the section which is paid for by the town, out of the general tax levy. Once again, it was reiterated that it is believed that the county is offering a take it or leave it situation which is unacceptable to the town board and the residents who live and have businesses in this section.

John Van Dyke, County Board Supervisor who represents Ledgeview, was in attendance of the meeting and asked to address the residents' concerns. Van Dyke explained that the county board has jurisdiction over funding decisions; what projects will be funded and how the projects will be funded. The County Highway Department has jurisdiction over design of the projects. Van Dyke is also one of 38 board members, so there isn't a whole lot he can do. However, Van Dyke does see a potential for a compromise. It seems that there are two businesses along the west side of the GV-10 project who are most affected by the limited crossovers. These businesses have driveways located near the two crossovers, but not directly aligned. Van Dyke, in a good faith effort, is willing to take back a solution of having the county extend the driveways of these two businesses so that they align with the crossovers at the county's expense in order to bring a resolution to this issue. The overall consensus of everyone in attendance of the meeting was this is a reasonable solution.

Town staff was then instructed to meet with the affected residents to get their feedback on the driveway extension option. If this is a viable option for the business owners, contact should be made with County Board Supervisor Van Dyke so that he can take this option to the County Executive.

The Public Informational Meeting was closed at 6:12 p.m., and a ten minute recess was taken by the board prior to the start of the Regular Town Board Meeting.

Charlotte K. Nelson, Deputy Town Clerk
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