

**Hwy 42 Project Update Meeting
with Wisconsin Department of Transportation**

Thursday, February 13, 2020

4:00 p.m.

Gibraltar Town Center

Business Meeting Notice

Project I.D. 4140-19-73

WIS 42 Gibraltar – Sister Bay (Bluff Lane – Gibraltar Road)

Door County

Call to Order: Town Board Chair Steve Sohns called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m.

Roll Call/Quorum: Town Board members present: Steve Sohns (Chair), Bill Johnson, Brian Merkel. Sohns stated that a quorum was present. Notice of a possible quorum was posted. It was also posted that this meeting was for informational purposes only and that the Town Board would not be making any decisions.

Also present: Dennis Steigenberger of Cedar Corporation, Jim Thompson and Cory Thomson of Wisconsin Department of Transportation, and Dean Friedman of Vinton Construction Company.

Overview of Additional Curb & Gutter and Sidewalk Work:

Dennis Steigenberger of Cedar Corporation, the company hired by the town to help manage the project, introduced the meeting. He explained this was an opportunity to review the original Hwy 42 project plan, the additional work recently added by the Town, and address any concerns from local business owners. The new work added to the plan by the Town involves curb and gutter and sidewalk work.

Steigenberger introduced Jim Thompson, local program project development supervisor, and Cory Thomson, transportation engineer, both project representatives from WisDOT. He also introduced Dean Friedman, area supervisor from Vinton Construction.

Steigenberger referred to the map of the Hwy 42 project. The map illustrates what work was in the original project and falls under WisDOT's responsibility, and what work was added to the project and is the responsibility of the Town of Gibraltar.

Tom Young, owner of Gibraltar Grill, asked if all sidewalks in town will be redone. Steigenberger clarified that a large amount of the sidewalk through the downtown area of Fish Creek will be redone, but not 100%. The area being discussed at this meeting is the area from Bluff to Windmill. This area will not be a full replacement as the Town Board previously walked the sidewalks in this area to determine what sections required work. The area from Windmill up the hill is considered full construction, curb gutter and sidewalks, as that area did not have sidewalks previously.

Sohns added that there were sections of sidewalk WisDOT had already scheduled to replace as part of the original project. However, the original plan would have left unrepaired pieces in between. It made more

sense to address the sidewalk as a whole and replace everything that needed work instead of having a patchwork of new and old sidewalk.

Proposed Construction Schedule Review:

Steigenberger explained the project is already on a tight schedule with the Friday before Memorial Day (May 22, 2020) being one of the deadlines with large monetary damages if not met. Adding this additional work will affect that schedule, therefore the Town Board and the WisDOT met with the contractor in January to allow some flexibility with the timeline and extend the deadline by approximately two weeks.

Friedman talked more about the revised schedule and what parts of it would be most affected by the additional work. If everything goes as planned and the weather cooperates, Friedman's team still hopes to have all work completed (original and added) by the original deadline with the exception of some signage, top soiling, and/or striping. The biggest challenge will be the weather. If work is delayed by weather, there is a possibility of having to set up the Stage 2 Detour again to complete the work (for example, if road paving had to happen *after* Memorial Day). Prior to Memorial Day, the roads are to be open through town from Main Street to Cty Rd F, with the Stage 3 Detour continuing from Cty Rd F to Cty Rd A. The Stage 2 detour, which reroutes traffic around the downtown area of Fish Creek, would be mobilized *only* if there was enough work left to complete after Memorial Day.

Friedman explained the worst-case scenario would be if the work isn't completed by June 5, 2020. In that situation, Vinton Construction would be subject to \$10,000 per day penalty until the work is completed. Therefore, Friedman said he expects the work to extend no longer than June 5 in the worst-case scenario.

Questions / Feedback:

A representative from Door Community Auditorium asked about detours and temporary driveways and parking in front of the school and auditorium. The detour in front of the school will be in place until June 26 and will not be impacted by the additional work added by the Town. Door Community Auditorium is concerned about making the June 26 deadline because there is a show scheduled for that date.

Bill Johnson added that one of the reasons for doing the additional work now is it made sense to complete it all at one time instead of tearing up the Town again. He also stated that the state required today's meeting to ensure the community and business owners were aware of the project changes.

Johnson and Sohns both reiterated that the worst-case scenario is some striping and signage may not be complete by the deadline dates stated earlier. However, that type of work won't create road blockages or road closures.

Tom Young asked if the striping for parking spaces along the street would have a change in size. Sohns said the spaces will be changed to a standard size. This will result in an additional 30 parking spaces.

Steigenberger stated it took a lot of effort on all parties to make this work happen in conjunction with the current WisDOT project. He also added that there is work the Town has to do inside the ROW that requires the Town to file a permit and submit plans and specs for approval by the state.

Steigenberger noted that any new curb and sidewalk designs will have to comply with current ADA

standards. Driveway transition areas would also need to comply. Driveway work will involve a formal process that requires the property owner to sign an easement form. Acquiring those signatures will also play into the timeline.

Tom Young asked if the Town knows who those property owners are. Steigenberger did not have names yet but has a plan showing the locations. He added the areas requiring work are small.

Wayne Kudick asked what types of weather conditions would prevent work from occurring. He also asked if any work would be done at night with lights. Friedman said he didn't believe any night work would be required or happen. Frost and rain would be the two biggest weather concerns that could interfere with work. Frost needs to be out of the ground and temperatures need to be between 30 to 40 degrees to pour concrete. Rain doesn't interfere with removing or forming concrete, but it does prevent pouring concrete.

There were no other questions or comments from the floor.

Adjourn: Motion (Johnson, Sohns) to adjourn at 4:30 p.m. Carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Sara Rae Lancaster

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