

**STREETS AND SANITATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

*April 22, 2013  
5:15 p.m.*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Soeldner  
Jim Brey  
Jason Sladky  
Allan Schema  
Tyler Martell

**STAFF PRESENT**

Greg Minikel  
Sonja Birr

**OTHERS**

William Nate, 5413 Hwy R  
Sue Schmitz, 4425 Knuell  
Nan Oswald, 1441 N 23rd  
Steve Oswald, 1441 N 23rd

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

**Announcement that meeting is being taped and audio tape will be available to the public on City's website**

D. Soeldner made an announcement that the meeting is being recorded and will be posted to the City website.

**Discussion and possible approval of minutes of previous Streets Committee meeting (April 8, 2013)**

J. Brey made a motion to approve the minutes from the April 8, 2013 meeting. J. Sladky seconded the motion.

Motion carried unanimously, no further discussion.

**Discussion and possible action regarding drainage issue at 4425 Knuell Court**

D. Soeldner invited the property owners present to the table. He explained that there is a lot of water flowing through the lot from the back of the lot to the front which is causing flooding problems, icing problems and structural issues.

J. Brey asked if the water is running across Rapids Road. The water is not coming from across Rapids Road. The areas east of Rapids Rd are the problem areas and the natural draining route directs the water into the back property of 4425 Knuell Ct. and some surrounding properties.

D. Soeldner said that they previously discussed installing a 12" sewer. G. Minikel said that there is a 6" on the opposite side that they could connect into.

D. Soeldner asked how we would get this water to this point. G. Minikel said that a pipe would have to be extended from the existing 6 inch pipe on the south side of the property to the north side of the property and a new inlet installed behind the sidewalk. This would save the pavement, but would still require some sidewalk and driveway areas to be removed and replaced. This 6 inch pipe would be sufficient for minor rainfalls and normal spring drainage, but it probably wouldn't be able to handle larger rainfall events.

Sue Schmitz, 4425 Knuell Court said her driveway is sinking and the handicap ramp had to be replaced. Other contractors had previously told her that they should correct the water issue which is causing the sinking problems.

William Nate was present and addressed his concern with Timber Lodge Liquor, located on Rapids Road. He said all the water from their property is draining onto theirs and causing the problems.

J. Sladky said that we have provided sewer to take in the water from this neighborhood. The grading has not changed. He doesn't think that the City will be able to fix this issue, even though he would like to provide relief to his constituents. He just feels that this is a natural draining area and is more of a property owner issue.

D. Soeldner looked back at plot plans when this subdivision was built and the drainage was as the same as it is now. D. Soeldner said that we do not want to put public storm sewers in residential backyards. He doesn't believe these would be maintained as needed.

J. Brey asked G. Minikel if putting in a backyard inlet would help the problem. G. Minikel said an inlet in the backyard would help a lot, but he doesn't believe the City has ever installed storm sewers on private property to solve backyard drainage problems. He also stated that in the newer subdivisions, the developers have paid the cost to install storm sewers and inlets in the backyards to drain low areas per the drainage plat.

Sue Schmitz said she thought the Committee was avoiding the build-up (berm) issue of the property behind them. They have been taking in all the water from Timber Lodge Liquor.

D. Soeldner said he doesn't dispute that this isn't helping matters; however, the drainage has always been west to east.

J. Brey said that they could put in their own drainage tile at their expense and connect to the City. He agrees part of the problem could be from the buildup mulch, but we don't have the authority to stop it.

J. Sladky felt they have done what is required by extending sewer to the lot line. If the property owner wants to build their own storm system on their property at their expense they can do this. The Committee was sympathetic with their situation; however, they don't have the power to tell the properties along Rapids Road to change their grade.

D. Soeldner recommended G. Minikel to work with the residents to try to come up with an alternative and possible solution. G. Minikel said he will bring Building Inspection on board to help. One of the possibilities could be to build a berm to alleviate some of the water. The City will contact the property owners.

**Discussion and possible action regarding drainage issues and a request for a mini storm sewer at 1441 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street**

D. Soeldner said that he has been contacted by the property owners as well as other property owners in the neighborhood as a result of the drainage issue in this area.

Nan Oswald thanked many of the Alderpersons for coming over or calling her. The Fire Dept. pumped out water from their backyard during the recent spring thaw and heavy rains. She said that they have not been able to put in sump pump or draintile because there is not a lateral to connect to. With this past flooding and water in their basement, they had a sump pump and drain tile installed. They are hopeful that this will correct the problem. However, there are no storm sewers on their side of the street for their new sump pump and draintile to be connected into.

G. Minikel discussed an estimate from Seiler Bros. (approx. \$7,200) to install a pipe crossing the street. He is hopeful that we could put in a mini-sewer in the terrace area and not cross the street, but the mini-storm sewer option would cost more money.

J. Brey said he thought a mini-storm sewer for the entire block would be the best solution.

G. Minikel said that one option would be to put in an 8" pipe to cross the street to solve the immediate problem for the Oswald's and then budget money for 2014 to install the mini-storm sewer behind the curb to serve the other properties.

Nan Oswald said that she felt the majority of the problem was from the addition they put on years ago.

D. Soeldner said that he feels the best solution would be a mini storm sewer; however, this wouldn't be possible until next year.

Nan Oswald is concerned that the pipe will freeze in winter.

G. Minikel discussed some options to fund this year. He is hoping that there will be some funds available in the 2012 capital budget that could be carried forward. The estimated cost for the mini-storm sewer option will be approx. \$20,000.

Steve Oswald would like to see this resolved this year.

J. Sladky questioned the cost to cross the street. G. Minikel said that he only has an estimate from Seiler Bros.

J. Brey said that as long as we don't take away from another project, he doesn't have a problem with resolving this year.

The Committee would like a cost estimate from Greg. This work wouldn't start for a couple months yet, but they are hoping to be able to provide a solution sometime this year.

The Committee is fine with it draining out into the front yard at this time.

**Discussion and possible action regarding resolution for reconstructing CTH "R" with a 4 lane road, 4 lane bridge and a shared use pathway**

J. Brey recommended this Resolution with a 4-lane road, 4-lane bridge and a shared use pathway on the east side of the road. He doesn't want a bike lane on both sides of the street. This pathway would be similar to the Mariner's Trail. He is in support of the 4 lane road the entire length of CTH "R". The resolution will be going to the next Council meeting for approval.

The Committee discussed meeting on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>, at 5:15 p.m. to discuss the remaining agenda items.

*J. Brey made a motion to adjourn and J. Sladky seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.*

*Next meeting is scheduled for April 25, 2013 at 5:15 p.m.*

*Gregory J. Minikel, P.E.*

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Interim Director of Public Infrastructure