

SPECIAL VILLAGE MEETING
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2017

A special meeting was called to order by President Ryan Gebhart at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present. Also present was Al Buechel, Ryan Sommers, Tom Janke and Dennis Stenz from Fond du Lac County and Rich Glen, a DOT engineer. Peg from Omni also was present through phone communication.

The purpose of this meeting was to discuss the rising costs of the Hwy G upgrade project. The village board voiced their concerns about the project and liability of the dollar estimates coming in so much higher than first discussed and agreed upon. With upcoming lagoon projects and the well loan still on the books, we need to know where we stand and if we are able to go thru with this.

Tom Janke explained that he applied for the Federal Funded Project in 2014 and prices have significantly risen since then, our initial estimates were low even though we used the DOT guidelines, as well as many unknown situations in the village. The Federal Fund process has many rules to follow and even though there was extra unknown costs added to the original estimate, our cost share with Fond du Lac County has risen far above that initial cost of \$400,000 that we agreed to in 2014.

Tom also explained that they reapplied for further Federal funding as they have always done in the past with no problems, but were turned down as the DOT is out of funds. The design has been sent in for signature and is basically on hold at this time, so they have suggested to the board that we wait the 2 to 6 months that it takes to come back and see if the DOT will have more funds to distribute. Al Buechel suggested that Fond du Lac County would work with the village to bring down our village share of responsibility so that we do not have to cancel the project.

In the meantime, the board will send letter of concern to our congressmen.

A motion was made by Dave Schry and seconded by Troy Johnson to adjourn at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Steffes, Village Clerk