

Village of Fall Creek
Minutes of Public Works & Streets/Sidewalks Committee Meeting
April 1, 2021

1. **Call to Order:** 5:30 p.m., virtual meeting at Zoom.us & physical meeting at Village Hall Meeting Room, 122 E. Lincoln Ave., Fall Creek.
2. **Roll Call:** Members Present: Committee Chairperson Ben Burch, Trustees Kelli Corbin, Sheena Kaatz. Members Absent: None. Staff Present: Administrator/Public Works Director Jared McKee, Deputy Clerk Joan Drehmel. Also Present: 6 citizens. Those noted in attendance include those attending via the virtual meeting.
3. **Certify Open Meeting Law Requirements Have Been Met:** A notice of the meeting and an agenda (including instructions if wishing to attend the virtual meeting) was posted in the three public places and local newspapers were notified.
4. **Adopt Agenda:**
 - MOTION (Kaatz/Corbin) to adopt the agenda as printed. PASSED, without negative vote.
5. **Consider Speed Limit on South Hwy K/State Street:** The Village's request in 2019 to lower the speed on State Street was denied by the Eau Claire County Highway Committee based on the data gathered at that time. After some discussion Chairperson Burch recommended purchasing moveable digital speed limit signs the Village could use to reevaluate whether or not to pursue lowering the speed limit.
 - MOTION (Burch/Kaatz) recommending the Village Board purchase a sign not to exceed \$3200. PASSED, without negative vote.
6. **Consider Modifications to Ordinance §249 Vehicles and Traffic re: ATV's on Village Streets & Bicycles:** The current ordinance regarding bicycles is outdated and the Police Department no longer registers them. Committee suggested removing §249-7. Bicycles from the ordinance.

Recent interest in establishing an ATV route in the Village would require an amendment to the ordinance. Committee reviewed ordinance examples from other municipalities and the proposed changes to the village ordinance. Comments from the public included: speed limit enforcement, DNR requirements, ATV safety handbook guidelines, economic impact, and positive reports from other communities that currently have ATV routes.

 - MOTION (Corbin/Burch) recommending modifications to Ordinance §249 Vehicles and Traffic to remove bicycles and to include ATVs. PASSED, without negative vote.
7. **Consider Bike Path in Crystal Creek:** Committee discussed estimates for a hard surface path, the fact that the Village does not own the property that would connect the path to Railroad Avenue, and the path does not lead to a significant destination. Committee felt this project would not be a good use of Village money at this time.
 - MOTION (Burch/Corbin) to table the bike path in Crystal Creek. PASSED, without negative vote.
8. **Adjourn:**
 - MOTION (Kaatz/Corbin) @ 6:14 p.m. PASSED, without negative vote.

Joan Drehmel, Deputy Clerk