

*****FINANCE MINUTES*****

October 4, 2022

SAUKVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND VIA ZOOM 649 E. GREEN BAY AVE., SAUKVILLE, WI 53080

Village President Barb Dickmann called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Julie Friede gave the Statement of Public Notice.

Members: Barb Dickmann-present, Scott Fischer-present, Richard Belling-present, Jim Nowlen-present, Trevor Seitz-present, Andy Hebein-present, and Peter Janus-present

Others Present: Dawn Wagner, Julie Friede, Andrew Struck - Director of Planning and Parks - Ozaukee County, Kristyn Halbig-Ziehm - Ozaukee Press and Luke Check (via Zoom)

Presentation by OZCTY Planning & Parks Department Regarding the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Acquiring Land along CTH W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as part of the CTH W Road Reconstruction & Restoration Project - Presentation by OZCTY Planning & Parks Department (Resolution #1359)

Struck gave a presentation on OZCTY Planning & Parks Department Regarding the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Acquiring Land along CTH W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as part of the CTH W Road Reconstruction & Restoration Project (See Attached)

Struck discussed the issues with the flooding on CTH W. Struck stated CTH W was constructed for overtopping in certain sections of the road which allows drainage back to the river. (Maps Attached)

Struck stated there are 2 culverts that were designed for overflowing and there was an active Oxbow designed to be a dam. (Map Attached)

Struck described the following:

- Floodway- active moving water
- Floodplain- active moving water/back water
- Flood fridge- back water

Struck stated Ozaukee County would like to elevate the road, but the road needs to be mitigated in instance of wetland as well as floodway.

Struck explained Ozaukee County would like to reconnect the Oxbow to allow for flood capacity. In addition, Ozaukee County would like to do some wetland restoration which would add further capacity as well as increase the capacity to the culverts on each side of the road.

Fischer questioned the Oxbow and the culvert, being higher than the existing river and if the river would be rerouted.

Struck responded by saying this a floodway, the main channel of the river would not change. The water would only cross through the culverts during a flood event. This will allow for significantly more flood capacity.

Struck stated the main objective is reconstruction of the road, allowing more flood storage and restoring the habitat in the area.

During the preliminary review Ozaukee County feels these changes would increase the flow into the Oxbow in a 10-year flood event, the road would be elevated so it would not overtop until a 20-year flood event. Struck noted the property would remain in the 100-year flood plain.

This property would become part of the Ozaukee County Parks System and would be managed/maintained by Ozaukee County.

The WDNR Stewardship normally would allow hunting on the property, but because the Village of Saukville has an existing Ordinance in place that states no hunting on Village Property there would be an exemption and hunting would not be allowed.

Hebein questioned the ice damming in the river. Would the Oxbow assist with the damming or would there become an issue with ice blocking the Oxbow?

Struck stated the ice damming is possible, but it would not make the situation worse. Recreating the Oxbow will only help the flooding situation. There would still be times of overtopping, but the reconstruction would minimalize the flooding in CTH W.

Seitz inquired about the westside of the river.

Struck feels the flooding would be minimal, due to the water would have the ability to flow better on the east side of CTH W.

Seitz followed up and inquired about the flooding in Grady Park.

Struck feels the flooding will be less in a low flood event. The Village could still have the same flooding issues during a high flood event.

Wagner asked Struck to talk about the Village of Saukville Parcel that is located on the eastside of CTH W.

Struck stated Ozaukee County would like to acquire this Village of Saukville Parcel to allow for more flood capacity and assist with the Oxbow design. Struck stated the Stewardship Grant will not allow to purchase land. Struck said there may be other funding available to purchase the parcel.

Wagner asked if anyone had any issues with the Village of Saukville Property becoming apart of the Floodplain and Wetland Restoration Project.

Fischer inquired about the landowners and what would happen if the landowner say no.

Struck stated they have had preliminary conversations with some of the landowner, but it is a willing seller/willing buyer situation. The more landowners willing to work with Ozaukee County, the greater flood capacity will be obtained.

Dickmann asked Struck what is he asking the Village of Saukville for during this meeting.

Struck responded saying he is looking for the support from the Village of Saukville as well as including the Village of Saukville parcel into the project area.

Struck stated they are still looking into funding for the project. The Stewardship Grant would only cover approximately \$150,000.

Seitz questions if the County could claim eminent domain on the properties involved.

Struck stated the County could not with the Stewardship Grant.

Wagner stated the Village of Saukville Parcel is tax exempt and is undevelopable.

Janus/Nowlen made a recommendation to the Village Board Resolution #1359 OZCTY Planning & Parks Department Regarding the WDNR Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Local Assistance Grant for Acquiring Land along CTH W and the Milwaukee River in the Village of Saukville for Floodplain and Wetland Restoration as part of the CTH W Road Reconstruction & Restoration Project - Presentation by OZCTY Planning & Parks Department with the inclusion of the Village of Saukville Parcel, at no cost to Ozaukee County. Motion Carried.

OTHER MATTERS

None

ADJOURNMENT

Nowlen/Hebein made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried at 4:44 p.m.

Julie Friede
Village Clerk