

**Village of Shorewood Hills
Public Works Committee Minutes
Tuesday, May 14, 2024**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Robb Stankey at 5:33 pm.
2. **Roll Call** – Members present included Mr. Stankey, Austin Tierney, Tom Popkewitz, Rick Chappell and Christine Maxon Herro. Tim Vanderjeudg was excused. Bob Corbett was absent. Others present included Brian Berquist and Tim Stieve from Town & Country Engineering, Public Works Superintendent Tary Handschke, Administrative Services Coordinator David Sykes and residents Dave and Carolyn Benforado.
3. **Note Compliance with open meetings law** – Mr. Sykes confirmed compliance with the open meeting law.
4. **Approval of Minutes** – Ms. Maxon Herro moved and Mr. Chappell seconded a motion to approve the April 9, 2024 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously.
5. **Public Comments, Appearances and Communications** – Mr. & Ms. Benforado spoke about the intersection of University Avenue and Rose Place. It is a very busy intersection, that will only become more congested when Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is launched. They encouraged the Village to consider installing “No Turn On Red” signs at this intersection and the others on University Avenue that will also have BRT stops.
6. **Public Works Superintendent Report** – Mr. Handschke reported the Public Works Crew’s activities:
 - Pool preparations has taken much of his time over the past two weeks, since other crew members are not trained on the pool’s operations yet.
 - He spent a week in Texas training on the new street sweeper.
 - The crew is catching up on leaf pickup and they continue to work on the Community Center (painting and floors are next).
 - The park bathrooms have been opened after being shut down for the winter.
 - The Spring Cleaning dumpster weekend two weeks about was successful.
 - They helped with setup for the Garden Club Plant & Mulch Sale and provided a truck for the Marina Cleanup event.
 - They are making repairs to the split-rail fence on Locust Drive, patching blacktop potholes, mulching flower beds at the Pool and getting things ready for the Summer recreation programs.
 - The Village is hosting a Pellitteri Shred-It event on June 15. It is not required in the Pellitteri contract, but it was decided to try it this year to see if it was a worthwhile endeavor.
 - The vacant Crewperson position has been posted.Mr. Handschke had some suggestions for budget items to be considered later this year:
 - Crack filling of the asphalt roads to extend their life. None has been done since 2017. \$20-50K per year is needed to preserve the existing pavement.

- The water meter reading system is no longer supported and should be replaced. There are a number of options, but Badger Meters quoted \$13K for new software and \$265 per meter replacement which totals ~\$172K.
- The two pumps/motors at the lift station need maintenance at ~\$8K each, they could be done in consecutive years. The pumps/motors at the booster station also need maintenance at ~\$9K every five years.
- A sewer crawler camera is needed to replace the camera that came with the sewer machine, which hasn't worked for year (~\$20-40K).

7. **Review Lake Mendota Drive speed data and potential action on through traffic and/or speed reduction measures** – Mr. Popkewitz summarized the Committee's previous discussions/actions. There has been an increase of through traffic due to development of the UW West Campus. Speed is also an issue. The Committee had a preliminary discussion of speed humps on Lake Mendota Drive.

Mr. Berquist presented some traffic count data and some possible mediation measures. He provided the history of past efforts in the Village and their effectiveness. Speed humps are ~\$20K each and tend to be the most effective tool to reduce speed. He would suggest five (5) speed humps on Lake Mendota Drive.

The Committee discussed possible options to combat speeding and cut-through traffic on Lake Mendota Drive and other streets in the Village.

A motion was made by Mr. Popkewitz and seconded by Mr. Chappell to table the discussion and continue it at the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

8. **Discussion/possible action on "no turn on red" sign(s) near BRT stations** – Mr. Stankey reported to the Committee that he and Interim Administrator Karl Frantz have been talking with City of Madison Engineering regarding adding three (3) signs on the Village streets that intersect with University Avenue near the BRT stations.

9. **Discussion/possible action on safety improvements at Shorewood Blvd/Topping Rd/Harvard Dr** – Due to lack of time, Mr. Chappell moved and Mr. Popkewitz seconded a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

10. **Future Agenda Items** – None discussed.

- a. Lake Mendota Drive speed data and through traffic reduction discussion.
- b. Midvale Blvd/University Ave redesign plan with respect to BRT implementation.
- c. Invite Police Chief to attend the Public Works Committee meeting(s).
- d. Consolidate needs into a Public Works capital improvement plan.
- e. Review of bike infrastructure and any gaps in the system.

11. **Next meeting date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2024 at 5:30 pm.

12. **Adjourn** – Mr. Popkewitz moved and Ms. Maxon Herro seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
David Sykes
Administrative Services Coordinator