

**Village of Shorewood Hills  
Special Board of Trustees Minutes  
Thursday, February 21, 2019**

- 1. Called to Order** Village President David Benforado called the meeting to order at 7:00 a.m.
- 2. Roll Call** Members of the Board present were Mr. Benforado and Trustees Fred Wade, Mark Lederer, John Imes, Anne Readel, Scott Friedman and Tracy Bailey. Also in attendance were Police Chief Aaron Chapin, Village Administrator Karl Frantz and Village Clerk Karla Endres.
- 3. Statement of Public Notice** Karl Frantz stated the meeting has been properly noticed.

**4. Procedures Orientation**

**5. Appearances and Communications**

**6. Board Matters**

**i) Discussion and possible action regarding broad parameters of potential joint action by the Village of Shorewood Hills and City of Madison regarding stormwater flooding in the University Avenue corridor area.**

Mr. Benforado gave a brief explanation of the meeting that occurred with the City of Madison and the Village on Monday, February 18, 2019 regarding plans for stormwater management. AE2S, a stormwater engineering firm, was hired by the City of Madison to model the stormwater from the recent floods of 2018. Amber Lefers, PE with AE2S, analyzed the stormwater flooding issues along the University Ave corridor using the City's stormwater model. Lefers presented multiple solutions to the flooding at the February 6 Village Stormwater Committee meeting; all solutions involved the Garden Homes area being used for detention. Mr. Benforado stated he strongly objected to the idea of Garden Homes becoming a stormwater basin and that the Village should have input with the City of Madison as to what the plans should be to take care of the stormwater issues.

Ms. Readel stated that since 85% of the water is coming from outside the Village of Shorewood Hills from the Willow Creek Watershed, she would like to see the City of Madison's plans as to what they are doing to mitigate the water from the City of Madison coming into the Village initially.

Mr. Wade stated he sees all of the suggested fixes as non-starters and the Village needs to look for alternative options. He stated it makes sense to work with Madison to find a solution and work with the matrix that the Village Engineer provided.

Mr. Lederer stated he doesn't feel informed enough to disregard any of the suggested fixes and said that they are not a solution at this point. He feels the Village needs to obtain some expertise for a situation of this magnitude beyond the professional advice we have received from Brian Berquist. He stated the village should retain a consultant that can model stormwater of this magnitude and complexity.

Brian Berquist stated that the modeling necessary for this situation is not for Town and Country Engineering's expertise level but one for a firm that deals specifically with stormwater of this level.

Ms. Readel stated she is strongly against an eminent domain option or seeing a water retention basin in that area.

Mr. Imes stated that the City of Madison needs to consider an RFP for further modeling beyond the \$10,000 limit the City would spend without an RFP. He is concerned about the Village

doing business with the same consultant with the City of Madison. Mr. Imes stated he is strongly against Shorewood Hills becoming a retention pond for collection.

Brian Berquist stated that the City of Madison offered to go to RFP and obtain additional modeling but the process to do so is approximately a two month process and that delays the six months left of the stormwater committee.

Mr. Wade stated he had heard a few options from Tom Degen that would mitigate some of the stormwater problem but have not been presented to the Board yet. He stated they involved elevating development in the Garden Homes area and moving forward with the re-development of Garden Homes area.

Mr. Benforado is of the opinion that if the Village would present a suggestion to the City of Madison that did not include condemnation, they will see the level of involvement that the Village would like to have in these decisions.

Mr. Lederer stated that he is not in favor of having dual modeling and that he prefers to see the Village use the same modeling as the City, knowing the consultant would owe a duty to the Village.

Mr. Frantz explained that the City of Madison stated the Village could suggest a model they would like run by AE2S and the City would cover up to \$1,000 of that modeling cost to complete the \$10,000 limit the City had to spend on stormwater modeling.

Mr. Benforado suggested that the Village continue to try and work with the City.

Mr. Imes stated that the verbiage is suggesting a benchmark and the bright line. He would also like to know how much money was put in the City budget to find a solution to this problem.

Mr. Benforado stated he could see the resolution wording to stop at “financially practical remediation projects” and not including “construction within the following parameters.” He would also feel comfortable going back to Greg Fries and suggesting that Garden Homes be taken off the City’s solution to make it into a retention basin.

Ms. Bailey stated that the City set the tone by spending 90% of the funds and the Village is being reactive to the City’s suggestions by stating we will work with the City and cost share when they didn’t consider the Village initially until the money was spend and the Village doesn’t like any of the four solutions from the City.

Mr. Benforado agrees with Ms. Bailey and stated that the City and the Village have to work together in the end.

Ms. Readel likes the idea of the resolution but feels there needs to be language in the resolution about the cost share being the City’s responsibility for 85% of the water issue. She feels it needs to be laid out that the Village will work with the City but the Village endured millions of dollars of damage due to the majority of the water being from the City of Madison, not the Village.

Mr. Lederer asked if the Board would like Karl Frantz to start a conversation with AE2S to see what the cost would be and what their duties would be to the Village to move forward and give the Board direction in the future.

Mr. Imes stated the goal is for the City of Madison to do more towards mitigating the stormwater problem.

Brian Berquist stated that the City said the cost share split would be 85% City and 15% Village for all future costs on modeling and mitigation.

Mr. Frantz clarified that the Board’s intention is for him to move forward with conversations with the city of Madison based on this meeting and AE2S to find out costs and plans for a future partnership.

**7. Adjourn**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:59 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karla Endres, Village Clerk