

Augusta Road Special Meeting
December 7, 2022 6pm

In Attendance:

Supervisors: Klingelhutz, Nielsen, Parris

Clerk Treasurer: Jean Moore

Residents: Paul Gerold, Randee Gerold, Harold Brose, Dan Krueger, Kim Krueger

Note this is 3 of the 7 residents of Augusta Road – Laketown side

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Presentation to Laketown residents regarding reconstruction of Augusta Road, which is a shared townline road between Laketown and Dahlgren townships (the township line runs down the middle of the road, Laketown residents on north side, Dahlgren residents on south side.)

Supervisor Parris made a presentation on the options for reconstructing Augusta Road. We have been working with Dahlgren Township supervisors for about a year on this potential project. The current bid in the packet is from July 2022 – please note the price could change based on fuel costs, which affect asphalt costs.

Supervisor Parris said the road will be the same width all along the roadway, however that may change based on road engineer recommendations. A resident mentioned that part of the road is only 16' wide, other parts wider.

Resident Payment options are:

- pay full assessment up front (within 90 days of project completion) no interest assessed
- pay via property tax assessment, which would then include interest.

Property tax assessment transfers with property if property is sold.

Resident Comments:

Paul Gerold – doesn't see any benefit to him from the project (he lives in the middle of the road) not happy with the left and right ends of the road being left as is)

Concerns about County funding – Laketown has approached the Carver County Board of Commissioners multiple times, they still say no to funding requests, even though the problem was created by the county and the road is in, and the project would benefit, 2 of their townships.

Harold Brose – unhappy with prior maintenance. Wondering why we can't just add a big patch over the top. Response by Laketown- our road engineer, as well as Allied, the asphalt company who quoted the project, said that is not a feasible solution. Harold says that is incorrect, and for \$5000 we could get some real patching done. Harold has 32 years of experience in public works with the City of Chanhassen.

Supervisor Nielsen mentioned that the problem could be that is the current asphalt is not adhering to the base, then the new patching will not adhere to the old asphalt that is not adhering to the base. Harold mentioned that extra oil can be added to the asphalt to make it adhere better to the existing asphalt.

Paul Gerold – the road would be more durable if semis didn't travel on it, however due to the low clearance railroad bridge on County Road 140, there is not another option for traffic.

Discussion of 2 options presented – reconstruct the whole section in front of the homes, or reconstruct up to

Vogel property - (this second option was Dahlgren's idea since they do not have any residents on their side of the road across from the Vogel property) The consensus from the Laketown residents was that the road should be reconstructed up to the Vogel property (not the shortened option presented by Dahlgren)

Discussion was had:

Full road reconstruction (option 1 on the cost sheet)

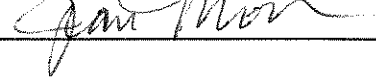
Do nothing, eventually the road will need to be turned to gravel, at township cost, due to safety and liability concerns.

More resident concerns:

- lack of prior maintenance / response – this is the first time in history that Dahlgren has been willing to discuss the road situation
- residents feel that Dahlgren has spent more money on gravel than we have spent on the asphalt area (per maintenance agreement) / response – Laketown has spent almost double on maintenance costs.
- Laketown maybe willing to try do heavy patching on dogleg portion of road (solely in Laketown township)

Kim Krueger will reach out to Laketown residents who were unable to attend and get their input on the 3 options and report back. Some Laketown residents will also try to attend the Dahlgren meeting on Augusta Road with their residents on December 12, 2022 to see the outcome of that meeting.

Meeting adjourned 6:55pm.

Submitted by: 
Jean Moore
Clerk, Carver County, Minnesota
Notarial Officer (ex-officio notary public)
My term is indeterminate.

Accepted by: 

Date: 12-12-22