

MINUTES – INTERLACHEN DRIVE/SHADY LANE HEARING

CARLOS TOWN BOARD

April 11, 2023 – Carlos Town Hall

Board Members attending: Rod Meyers, Bill Krivanek, Dwayne Waldorf, Tammy Schwegel, Rebecca Anderson and Township Engineer Jeff Stabnow.

Guest attending: see list of names on record with the clerk.

Chairman Meyers called the hearing to order at 7:00 PM with all reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The board introduced themselves to the residents.

The board had opened quotes from four contractors at 6:30 PM to get a more concrete cost of the project.

Chairman Meyers indicated the public hearing was being recorded.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson read the Public Hearing Rules.

Clerk Rebecca Anderson read the Summary of Due Process for Interlachen Drive/Shady Lane.

Chairman Meyers affirmed with the clerk, she had filed the affidavits for Notice of Mailing, Posting and Publishing.

Jeff Stabnow, Township Engineer, presented the cost analysis of the road project. Clerk Rebecca Anderson added how the costs per assessment were obtained. With the numbers the board had received from the feasibility report, the estimated cost per assessment is \$2,397.00. She also indicated how the assessment could be paid if the project is ordered.

The clerk read letters/emails/correspondence received from a number of residents for and against the project.

Questions were then asked for from the residents:

Monte Severson, resident, who is opposed to the paving of the road asked if any trees or structures would need to be removed. Jeff Stabnow indicated there would not be any removal of trees or structures.

The road would be a 5 ton road, however the residents are concerned with drainage. He mentioned the pot hole issue and that the road could use a better crown. He also mentioned the problem with landscaping companies driving and spinning their skid loaders on the tar. He also felt that having a tar road would increase his property taxes and that the road needs a lower speed limit.

Lowell Jenc indicated he is going to be building on one of his lots and is concerned how the sewer district would install pipe if the road is tarred. He will have to visit with ALASD to see if there is a stub associated with that parcel, and if the road is already paved, ALASD would have to repair the road. He is also concerned about having heavy trucks, etc. on the road that would be required to build a structure.

Deb Wilson, who lives on the corner of Shady Lane and Interlachen Drive, would like the road to be fixed as she has water in her yard most of the time.

Gail Haanen, asked if the road would be the same width, and would have a shoulder. Yes to both questions... The road will be built several inches higher than it is now.

Greg Haanen asked about drainage, Jeff Stabnow indicated there would be a review of poor drainage areas and suggested installing rain gardens, as these have worked well on projects in Ida Township. If these are needed, they would be built at the same time as the road is being paved.

Kevin Mork said he could attest to the drainage issue at the corner of Shady Lane and Interlachen Drive. He lives across the road from Ms. Wilson and had a shed at the very end of Interlachen Drive. He has great difficulty in getting access to his shed as this is where all the snow gets moved to and leaves a muddy mess once it begins to melt.

Mr. Jenc indicated he has seen how the road has changed since he moved to the area and can attest to why Ms. Wilson's yard is consistently filled with water.

Bill Krivanek indicated the township would be using ARPA funds to assist in the cost of the project. Usually the township pays 25% of construction cost, but with the above funding, the township is paying 50%. This is a very low assessment as property owners have paid approximately \$4,000 for a tar assessment.

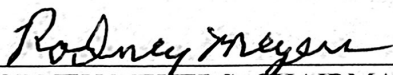
Joan Jenc asked if the township would remove the 8% fee if residents apply the assessment to their property taxes. The board is not willing to do so, as it would set a precedent. Also, the township is not a bank, and does not want to tie up township funds.

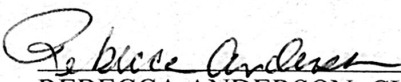
Mr. Jenc asked about the mailboxes. With all new road projects, the township installs swing-a-way mailbox posts. That way if the post is damaged, the township/road maintainer will take care to replace the post. If there is not a swing-a-way post and it is damaged, replacement would be up to the property owner.

On a straw vote, there was a slight majority in favor of the project, however, there were 11 residents who had not given an opinion.

Bill Krivanek moved to approve the project. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion indicating the road will be fixed for drainage issues before paving. The motion carried unanimously.

Bill Krivanek moved to adjourn at 7:52 PM. Dwayne Waldorf seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

  
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RODNEY MEYERS, CHAIRMAN

  
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REBECCA ANDERSON, CLERK