



**Village of Cambridge
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
Wednesday, April 26, 2023, 5:30 p.m.
Amundson Community Center, Community Room
200 Spring Street**

Agenda

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call**
- 2. Proof of Posting**
- 3. Public Comment**

- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of Public Works Minutes: October 19, 2022

- 5. Public Appearances/Citizen Input**
- 6. Unfinished Business: Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:**

- 7. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Items Requested of Committee:**
 - a. Public Works Equipment
 - b. Streets
 - 1) Patching/Repairs
 - 2) Maintenance/Replacement
 - c. Flashing Green Lights for Maintenance Vehicles
 - d. Sale of 2005 Ford F150

- 8. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:**

- 9. Update/Other Items for Future Consideration:**
- 10. Adjournment**

Persons needing special accommodations should call 423-3712 at least 24 hours prior to the meeting.

A quorum of the Village Board will attend this meeting for the purpose of gathering information relevant to their responsibilities as Village Trustees.

Recommendation by the committee will be made to be acted upon by the Village Board at a regular meeting.

More specific information about agenda items may be obtained by calling 423-371

Lisa Moen, Village Clerk/Administrator/Deputy Treasurer

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Minutes

- 1. Call to order/Roll Call:** Chairman Franklin called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Members present: Trustees Wittwer, Breunig and Franklin. Others present: Lisa Moen, Administrator/Clerk; Tod Lord and Cody Garcia, Public Works; Andrea Masotti, Vineyards HOA.
- 2. Proof of Posting:** The Agenda was posted in the upper and lower levels of the Amundson Community Center, Cambridge Post Office, Hometown Bank, Badger Bank and the Village Website.
- 3. Public Comment:** None
- 4. Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Approval of Public Works Minutes: July 7, 2022

Trustee Wittwer made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Trustee Breunig. Motion carried.

- 5. Unfinished Business: Update, Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:**
 - a. Johnson/Townsend Street Project:** Work was completed. MSA is calling the contractor back in as there is a dip in the middle of the intersection where water is pooling. Final invoices are not in yet. They did not need to bring in fill. LRIP grant will pay for a portion of the project, the rest will need to be borrowed.
 - b. Speed Limit Signs:** Director Lord did a cost analysis of what it would cost to put signs at all parks within the Village. It would cost nearly \$5,500 in materials and the same in labor. The Police have verified that the limits are in state statutes, adopted into our ordinances and are enforceable. They would not like to see the speed signs erected. You would need to have signs stating when the lower speeds begin and where they go back to 25 mph, on both sides of the streets. It was decided to not move forward with the speed limit signs.
 - c. Replacement of Flagpole:** Director Lord updated that the flagpole should be installed the first week of November, they are waiting on some parts. Discussion regarding lighting. Can we reuse the LED light that we have? Can it be attached to a light pole and shine it on the flag? Director Lord has reached out to Ready Electric. There have been discussions regarding the electrical in the park and the need to replace/update/remove some of it. It was discussed that it should not be used for the Christmas tree anymore. Trees in the park should be mature enough to use now.
 - d. Shed at Village Dump Site:** The trailer needs to be emptied out and will then be removed. The new shed will be built once the trailer is removed. London Lumber honored the price quote.
 - e. Street Name Changes:** Treasurer Brynwood has been working on this. Resolutions passed by the Board; recorded with the Register of Deeds Office; entered into Access Dane; sent to the Cambridge, Fort Atkinson and Milwaukee Post offices. Working on certified letters for the

residents and ordering signs. Residents concerns if this will be completed prior to Christmas, will there be confusion. Moen stated she believed the post office has said they would honor both addresses for a while.

- f. **New Public Works Hires:** Cody Garcia began working the beginning of the month and Jae Ames will be starting tomorrow. Public Works will now be at full staff!
- g. **Amundson Center Flooring:** The flooring has been installed and the courts have begun moving into the old Village Offices.
- h. **Blue Jay Way Letter Sent:** No response back from the Town of Oakland. Some brief discussion regarding the agreement; the subcommittee; the process.

6. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Items Requested of Committee:

- a. **Lighting Along Bike Trails:** The trails are not set up with electricity to be lit. No other bike paths are lit. No action taken on this.
- b. **Lighting in Subdivisions:** Solar lights in the subdivision at each house is part of the covenant. This is an HOA issue and should be addressed by them. Discussion regarding safety at Halloween. There are street lights on the corners, and homes have their outside lights. The cul du sac is the darkest area.
- c. **Stopping/Stopping/Parking Markings in Subdivisions:** The Police and Public Works went out and looked at the intersection and felt there were visibility issues. The corner of Kenseth Way and Vineyard Drive has been painted yellow (by the apartments and park). The HOA will reach out to Decker Properties to discuss the situation. It is better with the curb painted.
- d. **Children at Play Signs:** We do not have signs elsewhere in the village, by parks or schools. We do have yard signs available for residents. The HOA could also purchase some movable signs to put up in the neighborhood. It was acknowledged that most of the traffic was from residents of the neighborhood and will be talked about at their HOA meeting.

7. New Business: Discussion and Possible Action Regarding:

- a. **2023 Public Works Budget:** Director Lord and Administrator Moen were reviewing today. Treasurer Brynwood is working on it. The Audit and Finance Committee will be meeting next week.
- b. **LBK Park:** We will be receiving \$12,500 from the developer and have received a grant in the amount of \$1,190 from LWMMI. Discussion relating to having a structure that can be added on to in the upcoming years; a half court basketball court (HOA would rather not); if the HOA wants to fundraise, add to the park.
- c. **Capital Improvement Budget:** Including Equipment; Director Lord put together an inventory of equipment, what is most in need of being replaced. Unfortunately, the Village doesn't have money to be putting aside for future equipment needs, for the most part there will need to be loans taken out for equipment/vehicles. Our John Deere zero turn mowers lease is coming due. We could purchase it for \$5,000. Director Lord felt this would be a good deal. This is something we should look to budget for.

8. Update/Other Items for Future Consideration:

- a. Boulders out in the Vineyards? Landscapers may take them. Otherwise will try to move to make them more of a decorative feature.
- b. Village Forester Position

9. Adjournment: Trustee Breunig made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Trustee Wittwer. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by Chairperson Franklin.

Lisa Moen, Village Clerk/Administrator/Deputy Treasurer



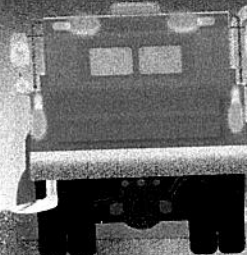
Flashing Green Lights Increase Visibility of Wisconsin Snowplows

Wisconsin Department of Transportation

Flashing GREEN Means Slow

Green lights:

- ✓ Better visibility creates safer roads
- ✓ Alerts drivers to proceed with caution
- ✓ Slow down and give room to snowplow




History of Wisconsin Act 255

Wisconsin is now one of several states across the country that allows flashing green warning lights on county or municipal maintenance vehicles. The green light concept came into focus in our state when members of the Wisconsin County Highway Association (WCHA) observed the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) adding green strobe lights to the warning systems of municipal maintenance trucks.

MDOT's research showed that flashing green lights, in conjunction with the amber warning light configuration, improves visibility significantly. WCHA began pursuing

The League supported this legislation, and we greatly appreciate the leadership of former Senator Petrowski and Representative Callahan on this important visibility and safety initiative.

legislation here in Wisconsin which led to Governor Tony Evers signing Wisconsin Act 255 into law in April 2022. The law enables Wisconsin county or municipal maintenance vehicles to use fluorescent green warning lights, in addition to red or amber lights.

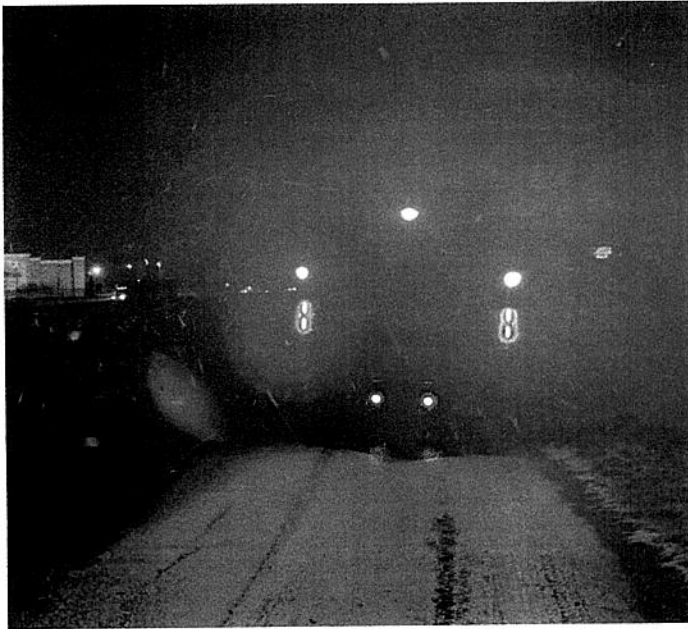
"Safety is a crucial part of what we do at WisDOT and we're excited to see this new law help our local partners implement additional safety features on their vehicles," Wisconsin Department of Transportation (WisDOT) Secretary Craig Thompson said. "Snowplow drivers in our towns, cities, and counties work long hours in tough conditions to clear roadways during winter storms. Visibility is critical to keeping those workers safe. Flashing green lights on snowplows are a great step to increase safety and enhance driver awareness."

Green lights are not installed on maintenance vehicles in every Wisconsin municipality or county. Instead, the law enables

individual departments to determine how to best outfit their vehicles. At this time, green light configurations are restricted to county and municipal maintenance operations only. Green lights are not allowed for use on private vehicles.

“Municipal adoption of the green lights will vary,” said Zach Vruwink, League Chief Operating Officer. “While not a requirement, municipalities are free to implement where they see fit,” he added.

Aside from snowplows, the traveling public will also see these flashing green lights on county and municipal vehicles conducting seasonal maintenance operations throughout the year. While crews perform pothole filling or other maintenance work on Wisconsin highways, please remember to move over or slow down and give them space to work. Everyone wants to get home safely at the end of the day.



Stay at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow.

- Buckle up, phone down. Every trip, every time.
- Watch the road ahead and allow plenty of following distance.
- Most traffic crashes in winter are caused by drivers going too fast for conditions. Posted speed limits apply when travel conditions are ideal. Drivers are advised to slow down when roads are slick or visibility is reduced.
- Stay at least 200 feet behind a working snowplow. Make sure that you can see the plow’s mirrors to ensure the driver can see you.
- If you must pass a snowplow, be careful. Snowplows often create a cloud of snow that can obscure vision. Remember that road conditions in front of the plow will likely be worse.
- Don’t be overconfident if you operate a four-wheel or all-wheel-drive vehicle. They still require a considerable distance to stop on slick roadways.
- During major winter storms, postpone or cancel your trip. Stranded motorists and vehicles become hazards that interfere with snow removal efforts.

It’s a Big Job

Did you know? Every year, Wisconsin averages 32 snow events, 73 inches of snow, and 10 freezing rain events. We thank our local government partners for providing snowplowing, salting, and liquid brine applications to state and local roads to help keep Wisconsinites safe throughout the winter. Our agency works with counties and municipalities year-round to establish best practices and test new tools for safety and efficiency.

As the price of salt rises, it’s imperative our local partners make every grain count. Through education and method development, we’ve been able to reduce the amount of salt used on the state highway system by more than 35 tons over the past three years, without impacting safety on our roads.

Improving Safety Through Education

Building awareness of laws and best practices is key to increasing safety on our roads. At WisDOT, we’re committed to public education on Wisconsin winter maintenance efforts, including safe driving around snowplows.

We remind motorists to stay safe on the roads during the winter:

- Before traveling, visit 511wi.gov to check road conditions and possible incidents. Download the 511 Wisconsin smartphone app to know before you go.

EFFICIENCY FOR WISCONSIN WINTER MAINTENANCE

| Education, best practices and method development help winter maintenance professionals make every grain of salt count. | State Highway System Salt Use 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 |
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| | 425 thousand TONS | 325 thousand TONS | 387 thousand TONS |

Goal: Safe winter highways