

**SPECIAL PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING**

**JOINT MEETING OF  
THE UNITED CITY OF YORKVILLE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE  
AND THE KENDALL COUNTY HIGHWAY COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, August 20, 2019, 6:00p.m.  
City Hall Conference Room  
800 Game Farm Road, Yorkville, IL**

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**Committee Members**

Vice-Chairman Ken Koch  
Alderman Seaver Tarulis

Alderman Chris Funkhouser

Absent: Alderman Joe Plocher

**Other City Officials**

John Purcell, Mayor  
Bart Olson, City Administrator  
Eric Dhuse, Public Works Director

Julie Morrison, Engineer-EEI  
Carri Parker, Purchasing Manager

**Other Guests:**

Matt Prochaska, Kendall County Board  
Fran Klaas, County Engineer  
Matt Kellogg, Kendall County Board

Ryan Sikes, WBK Engineering  
Tyler Bachman, WSPY  
Katie Finlon, *Kendall County Record*

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Vice-Chairman Ken Koch.

Mr. Prochaska introduced the County meeting participants.

**Citizen Comments:** None

**New Business:**

***1. PW 2019-52 Galena Road / Kennedy Road / Mill Road***

Mr. Kellogg said the County and City will collaborate on improvements on these intersections and he said that a study had been done by CMT. CMT presented the study and options to the County last week. Mr. Klaas said the two feasibility study options are: 1) joining all three roads together in one intersection with roundabouts or traffic lights, 2) keep the intersections separate as it is now. A roundabout to bring all three together would function for about 10-15 years and a multi-lane roundabout would function until about 2050. A traditional signalized separate intersection was recommended as the most viable and least expensive. Maintenance costs for signals are greater than roundabouts, however, roundabouts are more expensive to install.

After further discussion by the committee of the feasibility study, the recommended solutions were:

1. Multi-lane roundabout with all intersections together, or
2. Keep intersections separate with signal at Galena & Kennedy and roundabout or signal at re-aligned Mill Road and the park.

Mr. Klaas said the County committee did not take action on the study by CMT and will take more time to study it. Mr. Olson asked if any options discuss cost efficiencies. He said the developer of Grande Reserve will give the city \$2.9 million when certain portions of Grande Reserve are constructed, which could be several years. The developer did commit to front-fund the Mill Road improvements. He said if there are no apparent cost efficiencies to join all intersections, the current configuration would likely be kept. Mr. Olson said there are available state level funds tied into federal funds. In that case, federal rules apply which delays the project and drives up the cost. Due to this factor, staff feels those funds are not an option. Mayor Purcell asked if doing the projects together would yield a cost savings, however, Mr. Klaas said it would be minimal.

Mr. Olson said when Mill Rd. is re-aligned a land swap would be done with slightly more footage going to the other landowner. A larger easement may also be needed.

It was noted that traffic counts justify a traffic light at Galena & Kennedy at this time while counts at Mill and Kennedy do not justify a light until 2040. Improvements are slated for 2021.

Alderman Funkhouser asked about a second exit on Galena or a right in/right out. He said it should be researched now to tie in with the other projects. In summary, Mr. Olson said there will be a staff meeting to discuss the many aspects of these intersection improvements.

## ***2. PW 2019-53 Mill Road Resurfacing***

Mr. Olson reported on this project. Staff has looked at bids and found that prices were higher than in the spring. Mr. Klaas reviewed the three bids and said the low bid was \$104,797.50 from Geneva Construction. The job must be done by October 31 and there are incentives for finishing before the end of September. The type of material to be used and possible savings on the road striping were discussed. The shoulder will also be widened. This matter moves forward to City Council.

**Old Business:** None

## **Additional Business:**

There was no further business and the meeting was adjourned at 6:35pm.

Minutes respectfully transcribed by  
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