

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

**Public Works & Utilities Committee Minutes**

*Monday, November 24, 2025 - 6:00 PM*

**1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.**

Village President Brassington called the regular meeting of the Public Works & Utilities Committee to order at 6:03 PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Village President Brassington, Trustee Prill, Pauline Boness, Zach Freeman, Eric Kindschi

Members not present: n/a

Staff Present: Public Works Director Lee Igl, Community & Economic Development Director Andrew Bremer, Village Administrator Matt Schuenke, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin

**2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Public Works and Utilities Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to [public.works@mcfarland.wi.us](mailto:public.works@mcfarland.wi.us) to be included as part of the meeting.*

*Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.*

None.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Public Works & Utilities Committee meeting.*

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Trustee Prill, to approve the minutes of the October 27, 2025, Public Works & Utilities Committee meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

**4. BUSINESS.**

a. *Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board to accept the Siggelkow Road Traffic Study.*

Lee Gibbs of AECOM provided an overview of the Siggelkow Road Traffic study.

- Boness asked if Community Park was considered as part of the traffic study. Gibbs responded that the park was considered with recommendations including bike and pedestrian access out to County Highway AB.
- Freeman asked if a roundabout was considered at Marsh Road if real estate wasn't a concern. Gibbs stated that the roundabout would have been a great solution, but the village did not desire to buy real estate.

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Freeman, to recommend to the Village Board acceptance of the Siggelkow Road Traffic Study. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

b. Presentation and discussion regarding the Siggelkow Road 30% design

Igl stated that following the Siggelkow Road traffic study, Town and Country Engineering has been working towards 30% design plans. Tim Stieve of Town and Country Engineering presented the two alternatives for Siggelkow Road from Catalina Parkway to County Highway AB. Stieve explained that the two options were presented at a Public Information Meeting (PIM) on November 13, 2025, and the next PIM will occur February 2026.

- President Brassington inquired if the hill would be addressed on County Highway AB. Stieve explained that the hill is outside the village's jurisdiction, but the village is providing their comments to the county about the hill.
- Boness asked if the City of Madison had been involved with the design and study. Stieve responded that City of Madison has been involved along with other partners that are along the corridor.
- Freeman asked if a traffic study had been done to look at the volumes of the corridor. Stieve stated that Lee Gibbs did complete a traffic study for this portion of the roadway and the recommendations from the study have helped build the presented design alternatives.
- Freeman asked if Dane County had provided a design plan near the intersection of Siggelkow Road and County Highway AB. Stieve explained that a design had not been received. Schuenke added that the project is planned for 2027.

c. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the Babcock Channel Water Main Crossing project.

Igl provided an overview of the Babcock Channel Water Main crossing project. Igl explained that one bid was received for the project and the bid results are higher than estimated. Due to the higher than estimated bid result, staff are recommending the rejection of the bid received.

- President Brassington asked if the option of removing the general contractor and only working with the subcontractor was considered. Stieve responded that the subcontractor typically does not want to take on the role of the general contractor.
- Boness asked if the subcontractor was the same as who was utilized for a similar project in Richland Center. Stieve responded that it was not the same subcontractor.

- Freeman asked if the plan was to rebid the project. Igl explained that staff are reviewing options to possibly avoid going under the channel.

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Trustee Prill, to recommend to the Village Board the rejection of the bid from Speedway Sand and Gravel for the Babcock Channel Water Main Crossing project. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

*d. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the 2026 Stormwater Maintenance project.*

Stieve provided an overview of the two facilities planned for stormwater maintenance and reviewed the bid results.

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Kindschi, to recommend to the Village Board the award of contract for the 2026 Stormwater Maintenance project to Integrity Grading and Excavating of Schofield, WI in the amount of \$394,200. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

*e. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the Holscher Water Tower repainting project.*

Stieve explained that five proposals were received for the repainting project of Holscher water tower and that estimates were below the Safe Drinking Water Loan amount of \$400,000.

- Freeman asked why the low bidder, Seven Brothers Painting, Inc., was not recommended. Igl explained that the contractor has not been following the specs of the paint product and specs related to projects.
- Freeman asked if LC United Painting Co. Inc, was a good company to move forward with. Igl responded that LC United is a good company and had recently painted the Burma tower.

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Boness, to recommend to the Village Board the award of a proposal to L.C. United Painting Co. Inc. of Sterling Heights, Michigan for the repainting of the Holscher Water Tower including the base cost of \$236,000 and additive proposals A-2, A-3, A-4, and A-5, for a total of \$284,500 and a total project cost of \$350,625. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

*f. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for Well 5 drilling.*

Stieve stated that one proposal was received for the Well 5 drilling project. Stieve explained that the proposal received was from the same contractor that completed the test well.

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Freeman, to recommend to the Village Board the award of contract to Municipal Well and Pump of Waupun for Well 5 well drilling, including the base cost of \$443,518.30 and supplemental cost of \$1,620, for a total of \$445,138.30. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

*g. Discussion and action on canceling the December 22, 2025, meeting.*

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Freeman, to approve canceling the December 22, 2025, Public Works & Utilities Committee meeting. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

**5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.**

- a. Monday, December 22, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.  
Meeting was canceled as part of previous business item.
- b. Monday, January 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

**6. ADJOURNMENT.**

Motion by President Brassington, seconded by Boness, to adjourn at 7:13 pm. Motion carries 5 - 0 - 0.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,  
Aimee Irwin  
Assistant to the Public Works Director