

VILLAGE OF ELLSWORTH

STREET & SIDEWALK COMMITTEE MEETING

January 12, 2026, 5:00pm

130 N. Chestnut St. Lower-Level Boardroom (East Rear Entrance)

Committee Members present: Austin (Chairperson), Bench (in-place of Traynor), and Hines (in place of Borner)

Village Board Members present: Beissel

Staff present: A/C-T Roy, DPW Vick, Attorney Loberg, Engineer Evenson

Public Present: Russ Kiviniemi (Cedar Corporation), James Mennenga, Kim Beebe, Jeff Farris, Roger Nelson, Curtis Betthausen, and many others.

Minutes

1. Meeting called to order by Chairperson Austin
2. Discuss/Possible Action on Wall St., Broadway St., and Morse St. reconstruction Special Assessments

The project components that can be special assessed were presented. The Committee stated that they wanted to be consistent with the Grant and Piety Streets project. It was stated that the Grant/Piety project had Special Assessments of 50% of the cost for the construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and water and sewer laterals and 100% of the cost of construction of driveway aprons; a repayment term of up to 15 years with an interest rate of 2% above the Village's borrowing rate. **MSC Bench/Hines** to approve Special Assessments of 50% of the cost for the construction of curb and gutter, sidewalk, and water and sewer laterals and 100% of the cost of construction of driveway aprons; a repayment term of up to 15 years with an interest rate of 2% above the Village's borrowing rate. No further discussion. **Motion carried without a negative vote.**

3. Discuss/Possible Action on Wall Street reconstruction design

Cedar Corporation provided updated design options for the Wall Street/Morse Street intersection area. The options include variations for on-street parking, vegetation/landscaping, sidewalk and crosswalk layout, and intersection configuration and traffic clarity. **MSC Hines/Bench** to approve Option #2. No further discussion. **Motion carried without a negative vote.**

4. Discuss/Possible Action on East End reconstruction amenities

Cedar Corporation presented the options for benches, trash containers, planters, decorative concrete, and street trees for the East End reconstruction. Cedar Corporation also included bids for removable bollards. These would allow for the streets to be blocked for events in the project area. The Street and Sidewalk Committee established the following priorities for amenities: benches, garbage cans, and vegetation planters to have matching styles, concrete barriers around the vegetation planting areas, power outlets within the planting areas, concrete pads under the streetlights, and not including removable bollards for street closures. Specific items were not selected. **No formal action taken.**

5. Discuss/Possible Action on Hwy. 65 DOT 2031 reconstruction: on-street parking,

sidewalk/shared use path, street lighting, decorative items

The DOT has tentatively scheduled a resurfacing project on State Highway 65 from US Highway 10 to State Highway 29. The DOT is requesting Village input regarding on-street parking locations, shared-use path extension to Industrial Drive, new continuous street lighting, decorative items, and pedestrian crossings.

The Street and Sidewalk Committee recommended no changes to the parking areas and to not repave the existing parking lanes, the multi-use path be extended beyond Industrial Drive, no changes to the street lighting in the project area, no decorative items, an additional crosswalk at the Cairns St. intersection, and traffic lights or other traffic control device or overhead crosswalk lighting be installed at the Overlook Drive intersection. **No formal action taken.**

6. Adjournment. **MSC Bench/Hines** to adjourn. No further discussion. **Motion carried, without a negative vote.**

Respectfully submitted by Brad Roy, Administrator/Clerk-Treasurer