

# **City of Breezy Point**

## **February 20, 2025 – 5:00 pm**

### **Streets Committee Minutes**

#### **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm

Members present included Tom Nelson, Jason Gorr, Jon Monnier, Craig O'Reilly, and Leonard Sodd. Council Liaison Michael Moroni, Public Works Supervisor Joe Zierden, Dave Reese and Nick Peterson of Widseth were also present.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

*Motion to approve the minutes as presented of the January 16, 2025 Meeting: Jason Gorr Seconded by: Leonard Sodd*

The motion carried with all in favor.

#### **Updated Sanitary Sewer Map**

Nick Peterson with Widseth provided an update on the sanitary sewer map project. They explained that the updated version included all record drawings and information gathered from the city. It was noted that this was still a draft version. An accompanying inventory listing details from manhole to manhole, including pipe type, slope, and installation date, was also mentioned but not presented due to its large size.

Peterson also introduced a lift station budget plan, which provided estimated costs for future maintenance and replacements. It was emphasized that these were not set dates but rather a planning approach for budgeting purposes.

Joe Zierden added that over the past twelve years, they had been spending around \$100,000 annually on lift station maintenance, covering panels, pumps, guide rails, and base elbows. It was noted that the city has nine lift stations in total, with pump sizes ranging from 5 to 35 horsepower.

The discussion touched on the relevance of this information to the roads committee, with Nick pointing out that lift station and sewer collection line work might be timed to coincide with related street projects.

#### **Lift Station Inventory**

This agenda item was covered in the discussion of the Updated Sanitary Sewer Map.

#### **2025 Road Project Selections/Recommendation**

Nick Peterson addressed a question from Council Member Jensen regarding the decrease in total construction cost estimates. They explained that the reduction was due to the exclusion

of roads with a rating of 1, which are not anticipated to need capital improvements in the next ten years. The focus was placed on roads with ratings of 2 through 5 for more immediate construction costs.

Zierden presented two potential project lists for consideration, based on different assessment scenarios:

- With 0% assessment (budget around \$300,000):
  - Option 1: Piney Way, Edgewater Circle, Camp Laura (approximately \$330,000)
  - Option 2: Bluebird Lane, Edgewater Circle, Camp Laura, Sand Beach Drive (approximately \$330,000)
- With 50% assessment (allowing for a \$600,000 project scope):
  - Option 1 plus Circle Drive and Cross Street (approximately \$538,000)
  - Option 2 plus Circle Drive and Cross Street (approximately \$540,000)

The committee discussed the implications of different assessment rates, including the ongoing legal challenge related to a previous 50% assessment on Ossawinnamakee Road. They also considered the potential risks of changing assessment policies and the need for council input on this matter.

The condition and characteristics of each proposed road were briefly discussed, including issues such as flooding on Bluebird Lane and the need for improvements on the end of Piney Way.

The committee agreed to consider these groupings for the current year while exploring different evaluation methods for future projects, such as conducting road tours.

## Staff Reports

Joe Zierden reported on the following items:

- New plow truck: The city acquired a new Freightliner plow truck last year, which has reduced plowing route times from 7.5 hours to 5.5 hours.
- Equipment efficiency: The new truck has improved snow removal efficiency, particularly in certain neighborhoods like White Birch Drive, Dove Street and Percheron/Belgian Drive area.
- Buschman Road project update: Paul Sandy provided an update at the last council meeting. Right-of-way acquisition is still in progress, which may affect the project timeline. The current plan includes widening the road from 20 feet with no shoulders to 24 feet with 4-foot shoulders.

## Adjourn

*Motion to adjourn: Jason Gorr Seconded by: Craig O'Reilly*

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.