

VILLAGE OF FONTANA ON GENEVA LAKE
WALWORTH COUNTY, WISCONSIN
(Official Minutes)

SPECIAL HIGHWAY 67 PRECONSTRUCTION MEETING

Thursday, April 27, 2006

Director of Public Works Craig Workman welcomed more than 50 people to the special meeting at 2:00 pm in the Conference Room at the Village Hall, 175 Valley View Drive, Fontana, Wisconsin.

Discussion with Local Business Owners, Emergency Response Personnel on Scope of State Highway 67 Reconstruction Project

Workman and CDA Executive Director Joseph McHugh presented the preliminary construction schedule and plans to more than 50 people who attended the special conference meeting. Workman stated that the \$4.323 million contract between the State of Wisconsin Department of Transportation and Mann Brothers is being executed by the DOT. The project plans call for reconstructing the current Highway 67 from a road that is rural in nature (with no curbs, gutters or medians) and bringing it up to the standards of a modern state highway. Workman stated that as well as resurfacing the road, the project will include the installation of medians, curb and gutter, a storm sewer and bicycle and pedestrian paths. The medians will be landscaped and Highway 67 will be realigned at its current intersections with Village streets. Workman stated that the construction work in the Village is scheduled to be completed in two major phases, with one period running from May 1 to June 30, 2006, and the second from August 21 to November 3, 2006. Phase I will begin the first week of May and is scheduled to be completed by June 30, 2006. Phase I will include the resurfacing of Highway 67 from Fontana Boulevard north to Dade Road. Local detour signs stating that the road will be open to only local traffic will be placed at the intersection of Stearns/Willow Roads and Highway 67 and at Fontana Boulevard and Highway 67. The detour signs for through-traffic on Highway 67 will be placed by the State DOT on Highway 67 at Highway 50, north of Williams Bay, and at the intersection of Highways 67 and 14 in the Village of Walworth. The posted detour route for through-traffic headed south on Highway 67 from Elkhorn will be west on Highway 50 to Interstate 43 South, to Highway 14 East to the Village of Walworth, where Highway 14 intersects with Highway 67. The posted detour route for through-traffic headed north on Highway 67 from the state line will be west on Highway 14 from the Village of Walworth to Interstate 43 North, to Highway 50 East and back to Highway 67 where it intersects with Highway 50 on the north side of the Village of Williams Bay. Workman stated that motorists with local destinations can turn east on Stearns Road and use North Lakeshore Drive to enter the Village from the north. And motorists with local destinations can turn east on Fontana Boulevard to enter the Village from the south. Local motorists who are traveling to the Duck Pond Recreation Area or to the Department of Public Works garage site and compost areas, will be able to use Highway 67 during construction; there always will be at least one lane open for local traffic and emergency vehicles. After the construction has been completed for Phase I, the roadway will be resurfaced and opened for all traffic from June 30, 2006 until Aug. 21, 2006. Phase II of the project is scheduled to force the closure of the southern portion of Highway 67 from Fontana Boulevard to the south side of Dewey Avenue to through-traffic from August 21, 2006 until November 3, 2006. Workman stated that motorists can cross Highway 67 during Phase II of the construction at Third Avenue or at Kinzie Avenue and use Mill Street and South Main to travel north and south on the west side of Highway 67, and use Douglas, High or Reid streets to travel north and south on the east side of Highway 67. Workman stated that signs will be posted on Highway 67 at South Main Street, Third Avenue and Kinzie Avenue to direct local traffic during Phase II of the project. Workman stated that several miles of other local roads will be resurfaced throughout the summer in conjunction with the Highway 67 project. Workman stated that Highway 67 will remain open for local traffic throughout construction; however, the road will be in very rough shape during certain stages of the project. When the project requires the closure of the intersection of Highway 67 and County Highway F, the lane closure will be posted on the Village website. Workman stated that motorists will be able to use

North Lakeshore Drive, and Willow Bend/Stearns Road to enter the village when the intersection is closed at Highway 67 and County Highway F. In response to a question, Workman stated that emergency vehicles always will be able to get through the construction zone throughout the project, and motorists will be allowed to drive vehicles through the construction zones to local destinations. Workman stated that any way-finding or business signage along Highway 67 has to meet DOT safety regulations. Workman stated that the Village is planning to erect one large sign in the construction zone. When the construction will force the shutting off of utility services, local business owners and contractors will be provided with a 24-hour advanced notification. Workman stated that there are no utility service shut-offs planned at this time, but there may be an accident or an emergency situation that comes up during the construction period. Workman stated that during the installation of the new curb and gutter, some driveways from Highway 67 will have to be closed for short periods of time. Workman stated that as the curb and gutter work is scheduled, the individual business owners will be contacted with the dates that vehicles will not be able to use the driveways off Highway 67. Construction schedule updates and other project information will be posted on the village website at <http://www.villageoffontana.com>.

The meeting adjourned at about 3:00 pm.

Minutes prepared by: Dennis L. Martin, Village Clerk