

Village Of Downing

Informational MEETING Minutes

January 22,202

Call to order at 7:00 pm by Nutter

ROLL CALL Village board members attended-Jeremy Nutter, Tom Berends, Laura Lee and Jennifer Lagerstrom

CITIZENS ATTENDED Daniel Fedderly, Joan Ludtke, Robert Ludtke, Kristen Ludtke, Hannah Ludtke and Joe Draxler

7:02 Nutter asked everyone to stand for the pledge

NUTTER opened the meeting by giving the PUBLIC NOTICE of the resolution regarding the vacation of a portion of Fairnooks road that is located in the Village of Downing.

NUTTER then opened it to public Questions and concerns:

J LUDTKE What does this mean

NUTTER asked FEDDERLY to answer and he stated it becomes a private road Mr R LUDTKE said, I don't understand why this is a private road its used for ups, mail trucks, farmers and ect

FEDDERLY explained it's only the North and South part of the road. This dead end road is costing the Village more money than they get from the state.

R LUDTKE said if the Village would have fixed this road 20 years ago we wouldn't be having this problem.Lots of people could sue the village due to the roads but they haven't. Why cut us out of the Village?

FEDDERLY this is a difficult situation for the village. It has nothing to do with individuals

R LUDTKE I've been nothing but a village man. If they would just bring me a load of blacktop and I can doall the work. This is something for you guys to think about with all the taxes I pay.I have love for this village. I used to be the primary farm and went into history. You're welcome to come out and see the history I have. I just want 1 load of blacktop to fill in the holes.

FEDDERLY This is a very difficult discussion for the village Robert, but they need to protect themselves.

R LUDTKE the entire highway. UPS and farmers use this and we are driving in the ditch to our home.

NUTTER said NO it's only the portion

R LUDTKE I want the village to know we have lots of business on that road. My memory is not the best anymore but Ludtkes have paid the most in taxes and now Draxler,Teigen and Hurtgen come on the road

LEE I want to clarify you are talking about the entire road. It's only a portion.

MULTIPLE people talking to explain where the vacation would start

H LUDTKE we are just wondering if the blacktop can stay there and fill in the holes

R LUDTKE we will do the patching

FEDDERLY The village will put some options together before the vacation happens. There has been a lot of discussion between multiple people on different alternatives.

DRAXLER I have a question: Does the State need to approve this?

FEDDERLY its the village that approves this and they report it to the state

DRAXLER talked about a road when he was on board that went into multiple sections and townships and state had requirements

FEDDERLY there is a procedure that the village needs to follow and provide it to the state. If they don't follow procedure they will not accept it. I have provided all this information to the village and they are following it.

DRAXLER what if John won't give his dad the easement

FEDDERLY I would hope that wouldn't be the case but the village can do it also.

R LUDTKE do you get dollars for this road

FEDDERLY they get maybe the amount for 1 load of gravel

R LUDTKE that's it

LEE yes for that portion of the road

J LUDTKE how this all come about

NUTTER we are willing to maintain the blacktop portion. There is a sign that says Private Drive after blacktop . The only traffic from that portion is your family and your deliveries that means no public. The money needs to be put in other areas of the village that have more than just one individual on them. This is a very hard decision for us as a board for the village. This is a dead end road.

FEDDERLY i can provide history on this from 60 years ago its just dairy

MULTIPLE people having discussion

R LUDTKE starts talking about his farm how they pay more taxes than anyone. This seems funny I just want 2 loads of gravel and cooperation

H LUDTKE can snow plowing rd still happen

NUTTER how far do they come down

BERENDS the plow person called Jim wondering how far to go down and Jim said don't go past private drive sign

K LUDTKE that sign was just put up cause of multiple people coming in
BERENDS the money we get on that road don't even cover the plowing
MULTIPLE people talking about plowing

LUDTKE why did the sign bring complete change

NUTTER it wasn't just the sign. It's been the cost to maintain this road
yearly

LAGERSTROM it's not just this road needing repairs. There are multiple roads
needing help with very little funding

FEDDERLY history looks like funding is coming up for the village. It takes time
and the village needs to look at all the programs available to them. I have
told Jim that I am open to helping the village with this

MULTIPLE people having different discussion

R LUDTKE id like the road fixed up give me gravel. The village should feel a
little guilty right now

MULTIPLE conversations about history happening

NUTTER at this time is there anymore questions

R LUDTKE take in consideration plowing and some crushed rock. Jim is the most
complicated guy his dad was so soft and kind hearted

BERENDS we will discuss and come out and talk with you after we have our
discussion as a board

NUTTER we will take everything into consideration

MULTIPLE people talking about gravel

LAGERSTROM remember this is all the village roads needing help, not just 1
individual road. The board will take everything into consideration. It will be
on the next board agenda in Feb

NUTTER we need all board members present to make decision

MULTIPLE conversations between people

LAGERSTROM we have a great board that loves our village just very little money
to work with

J LUDTKE you guys will come out and talk to us

NUTTER i never said that

BERENDS we will come out after our meeting

Motion to Close and Adjourn by Berends second by Nutter at 7:45 PM

“ THE BOARD MAY CONSIDER AND ACT ON ANY AGENDA ITEM”

VILLAGE CLERK OF DOWNING JENNIFER LAGERSTROM {typed 2-4-2025}

