

**OCONTO FALLS MUNICIPAL UTILITIES**  
**WATER & LIGHT ● SEWAGE DISPOSAL ● CABLE TELEVISION**  
**MINUTES OF MONDAY, MARCH 12, 2018**  
**PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

**PRESENT:**

Council and Commission present: Mayor Brad Rice, Marty Coopman, Christos Anastasopoulos, Jim Patenaude, and Devin Wirtz.

Also present: Utility Manager Greg Kuhn, Terry Magnin, Tim Magnin, Larry Jeske, Utility CSR Beth Rank, Coopman's assistant Beth Julius, and Aaron Breitenfeldt and Jared Schmidt from Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc.

Public present: Marie and Bill Grady, Greg Knoerzer, Donald Nygren, Nancy Weiss, Pat and Tom Trudell, Sharon Smaney, Amy Kardoskee, Susan McDermid, John Senn, Gary Steffens, Corey and Judy Ama, Rebecca and Daniel Pataska, Sean Behnke, John Marquardt, Gene Domborski, John Dessart, and Tammy Gaertig.

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Aaron Breitenfeldt and Jared Schmidt from Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. handed out an Adams Street Reconstruction handout. The project will begin in June 2018 and will last throughout the summer, taking roughly 2 ½ to 3 months. The project will affect three blocks on Adams Street, from Union Ave to Monroe St, which will impact 23-24 property owners. The project will be a full reconstruction with new curb and gutter, asphalt with new gravel underneath, replacement and/or addition of sanitary sewer, water mains and storm sewer. Adams Street should be open by late August. The trees and landscaping in the terrace will be removed and not replaced. The sidewalks will be replaced in most areas but not all. The City applied for a grant to help cover part of the project but have not heard back on the status as of this time. Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. provided a map that showed each property.

Questions/discussion presented by the public:

- How long would driveways be unavailable?
  - Generally five days as the sidewalk is curing. Terry Magnin stated there will be a staging area each week and the City will let affected property owners know where they are able to park.
- Can the apron in front of a garage be changed (135 N Adams St and 127 N Adams St)?
  - The City will work with the property owners regarding changing the apron.
- Can a driveway be removed and an apron be put in (505 Caldwell Ave)?
  - The City will work with the property owners regarding changing this.
- How big will the storm sewer be and will the pipes plug from the debris?
  - The storm sewer will have a 6-8" lateral. There is always a chance of the pipes plugging but there will be enough of a pitch that Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. felt there would not much of a chance of plugging.
- Is there any alternative to losing the trees? Who keeps the wood and can it be sold?
  - Greg Kuhn stated that most municipalities are cutting trees that are between the sidewalk and the curb as the trees are causing problems with existing curb and sidewalk. There is not an alternative, the trees will be cut.
  - Terry Magnin: The City is responsible for the trees because the trees are in the City right of way. The City cuts the trees and disposes the wood in the dump. The stumps will be removed by a contractor. The wood has not been sold in the past.
  - Questions were asked regarding bidding out the tree removal and selling the wood to pay to put up new trees. Greg Kuhn said this suggestion could be brought before council.

- The cost of laterals were questioned. Robert E. Lee & Associates, Inc. estimated lateral replacement would be \$40.00-\$60.00/foot for water and sewer.
- Discussion was had regarding the cost of driveway and sidewalk replacement. The cost would be the property owners.
- Amy Kardoskee asked if her gas service could be moved. Greg Kuhn stated WE Energies was contacted regarding the project and they plan to replace their infrastructure at this time. Kuhn will provide WE Energies information to Amy Kardoskee.
- Greg Kuhn stated that the Utility is going to check each service with a camera in the coming weeks and will let property owners know what needs to be replaced and can provide an estimate to property owners after the bidding is complete.
- Can the property owner hire anyone to replace the water lines and can the property owner get estimates from the Utility contractor to replace the water lines?
  - Yes, the property owner does not need to use the utility contractor but can obtain estimates from the Utility contractor.
- Payment plans are available to homeowners. The payment plans are up to three years for curb, gutter, and sidewalk replacement.

Respectfully submitted,

Beth Rank

Customer Service Representative