

**MINUTES of a TOWN BOARD WORK SESSION:
Neighborhood Meeting – Lakeview Drive
October 5, 2011 – Harris Town Hall**

The Harris Town Board met on Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at the Harris Town Hall for a work session / neighborhood meeting with Lakeview Drive residents. The purpose of this work session was to:

- Discuss the temporary drainage improvement project for Lakeview Drive for 2011, including ditching on the north side of Lakeview, between the addresses of 32531 and 32455.

The work session began at 7:30pm and the following officers were present: Supervisors Dennis Kortekaas, Gary Rosato, and Larry Key, and Clerk Michele Smith. Absent: Treasurer Becky Adams.

Also in attendance were Julie Kennedy - Township Road Engineer, and 3 road residents: Steve Burgraff, John Maturi, and Duane Geisler. (16 letters went out, per Julie)

The work session was called to order at 7:30pm by Chairman Rosato, and then turned over to Julie Kennedy, who led the meeting according to the following agenda:

Project Presentation (Julie Kennedy, Township Engineer)

Julie explained that several residents came to a board meeting about a month ago, with concerns of drainage that caused icy conditions in the winter. They and the board discussed the poor condition of the road overall, which could not be fixed before winter, and so agreed to explore some drainage correction yet this year. It was noted that they would try to include as much as possible in the temporary solution that could be used in a long term solution.

Julie presented 2 options for consideration, which would both include an east/west ditch on the inside corner of the Lakeview Drive. It would run along the north side of the road, along & past the corner, preventing water from crossing over the road.

Opt A: Continue the ditch to the natural low spot, and then direct the ditch down to the lake. One issue is that Mr. Varin has a cement driveway that would require a culvert to go under his driveway. Another concern is that the outflow should go through grassy ditches rather than pipes – to slow the water down, and allow some drainage before it gets to the lake.

Julie noted that along most of Lakeview Drive, the township only has prescriptive road easement, from edge of the road to edge of the road. An approximate cost was quoted, *without* the cost of easements(if needed), at **\$20,380.00**. The culvert that is needed makes up \$6,000 of this estimate.

Opt B: Ditch only to a location between Burgraffs, & Varins, and then put in a culvert under the road, so water can drain into the low spot between the properties, with a dissipation basin that would slow the water runoff and spread it out. The cost estimate for this option was **\$12,170.76**

Note: The residents in attendance and Supervisor Key recalled that there was a culvert near Mr. Varin's property - just past his driveway (to the east). It would take some time to find it, but may be worth it.

Another option was requested by the Supervisor Key:

Opt C: Wait 2 years to do anything, and correct the drainage at the same time as resurfacing the road. Duane Geisler was also in favor of this option, as there has not been any accidents as a result of the ice – so maybe just putting up a sign “Watch for ice” would be needed. Geisler also noted that the county sands this corner a lot, and so he didn't feel it was really an issue at all – at least for the residents of the road.

Supervisor Rosato clarified that the order of repairing roads has not yet been determined for 2012 & beyond, but noted that Lakeview Drive is very near the top of the list, due to its condition.

The Board and Julie discussed putting together a total cost estimate to repair Lakeview – including both the road surface repair and drainage correction. Julie commented that she did do an estimate several years ago, so she'll try to find that and bring a full project proposal to the board.

The Lakeview Drive neighborhood adjourned at approximately 8:27pm, by a motion and a second of the board.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Smith, Harris Township Clerk