

## MINUTES OF WORKSHOP MEETING

### RIDGWAY TOWN COUNCIL

JANUARY 27, 2022

The Town Council convened for a meeting on a virtual platform, pursuant to the Town's Electronic Participation Policy.

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. The Council was present in its entirety with Councilors Beck, Grambley, Lakin, Schuyler, Mayor Pro Tem Meyer and Mayor Clark in attendance.

Town Clerk's Notice of Workshop Meeting dated January 24, 2022.

Staff Report dated January 20, 2022 from Joanne Fagan and Ron Alexander, engineers with Consolidated Consulting Services, presenting the background and option analysis for paving and construction of curb, gutter and sidewalk on North Lena Street.

Engineer Fagan explained as part of the development of the Lena Street Commons Project, the Town and developer agreed to "work together" to make full street improvements to North Lena Street, which included paving, installation of sidewalk, curb and gutter and 36 diagonal parking stalls, and two handicap parking stalls, on both sides of the street. The Council met with property owners in March of 2019 and residents on the west side of the street requested driveway cuts through curb and sidewalks. On January 17<sup>th</sup> of this year, she reported, the Town held a virtual meeting to discuss the project, and property owners requested driveway cuts and to change parking from diagonal to parallel. She explained providing driveway cuts reduces the number of parking spaces, and also at each cut the sidewalk will slope down to meet the driveway grade and rise back up to match the back of curb grade, resulting in four grade breaks for each driveway, and these grade changes can create obstructions for pedestrians.

Engineer Fagan presented three construction options for the project - construct the west side with diagonal parking and limit driveway cuts to where an active driveway exists, this would provide 31 regular and two ADA parking stalls; construct diagonal parking from Charles to Fredrick, and parallel parking from Fredrick to Otto and install driveway cuts as requested, resulting in 15 regular and two ADA parking stalls; or Option 3 in which instead of a curb, during the paving a valley pan would be constructed on the west side of the roadway, sidewalk would be constructed without any changes in longitudinal grade for driveway cuts making the walkway more inviting to pedestrians, drainage following the edge of the asphalt would keep water flowing and address drainage challenges at Charles and Lena Streets, parking areas would not be delineated and the number of stalls would be dictated by use, and the option would reduce asphalt by 15.5 feet and save tens of thousands of dollars.

She recommended Option 3 noting a gap would be created between the sidewalk and the valley pan "which would have sufficient road base if the Town decided to pave the gap at a later date" and "would only require removing the road base to the depth of the proposed asphalt depth rather than rebuilding the road structure", the valley pan would provide drainage and "lane control set with the flow line sixteen feet from the centerline", the back of the sidewalk would remain one foot from property lines without any changes for driveway cuts, and the sidewalk width could be six feet.

Resident Shari Bailey commented on the design.

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There was discussion by the Council and questions to the engineers regarding design elements.

Consensus of the Council was to proceed with Option 3 as shown in the Staff Report, and install a six foot wide sidewalk.

### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pam Kraft, MMC  
Town Clerk