

Town of LaGrange
Special Meeting: ARIP Project (Formica/Estate/Essex) Kick-Off Minutes
Wed, 12 February 2025
5:30pm at the LaGrange Town Hall

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Kyle Gibbens, Al Bernhardt, Wendy Von Haden, Cody Schaub, Amanda Felber, Juston Wildes, Paul Zastoupil, Jessica Dreier, Natasha Flock, Kevin Kemp, Travis & Joy Conant, Jay Wheaton

Brendan Smith called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Brendan explained this is a \$3 million project. The State is funding 90% and the Towns of La Grange and Bryon are splitting the other 10%. Ho Chunk may be helping with the 10%, but this is not known at this time.

The audience introduced themselves.

Brendan explained the most critical item with this project is the timeline. Kyle explained another township that split the project between two years, to meet the timeline.

The meeting was turned over to Jay from Mead and Hunt – see attached agenda from Mead and Hunt. There was a discussion on the corners, if they need concrete curbs etc. Also, a discussion on a culvert near Habelman's needing to be bigger. Jay said most state projects the culverts are 24". Brendan brought up the corner that turns into the bridge, this corner could use some work. Ho Chunk may be interested in funding a new bridge, this would not be done until 2027, but we should think about this when planning this project. Brendan also mentioned that we are going to need to be able to split the project costs for the two townships. There was a discussion regarding acquisitions. Kyle asked about getting a separate quote for 24' lanes. It was also mentioned to keep in mind that there is a lot of semi traffic using these roads. It was mentioned that the project will need to be completed by August 31st, for the start of cranberry harvest. Brendan mentioned that you can tear up the road as long as there is some access to the businesses/residences. Also mentioned that Allied Coop is busy in the spring and the fall and will need access.

Brendan talked about public outreach meetings. Would like to have some during the designing of this project.

Jay needs to ask some questions to the DNR regarding some wetland areas. This and the coordination with the railroad crossing will drive the schedule.

Jay would like to do some soil/bore testing to get an idea what is there for base aggregate. He would set up a map and have Kyle give his recommendation as to where to bore.

Brendan explained that this project will need to be cautious of cost, Town of LaGrange's portion will be one year's road budget. We want it done correctly but also cost effective.

Jay will get a contract to the town by early March and then they will be able to get started thereafter.

Brendan would like a solid contract up front which would be an actual cost-plus fixed fee contract. Jay would propose an hourly rate contract not to exceed a set dollar amount without permission. Brendan asked Jay to get the contract to us by March 5th, so we can present it at the March Monthly meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm

Wendy Von Haden, Clerk