

**June 6, 2024**

**Dahlgren Township and Laketown Township June 6, 2024 Public Hearing for Improvements on Augusta Road**

The Dahlgren Township and Laketown Township Board of Supervisors held a public hearing on June 6, 2024, to review the Feasibility Report for Augusta Road Improvements. Present from Dahlgren Township were Chairman Jeff Thompson, Supervisor Brian Gennrich, Supervisor Keith Kooiman and Clerk Mary Olson. Present from Laketown Township were Chairman Pete Parris, Supervisor Mike Klingelhutz, Supervisor Cathy Nielson and Clerk Leanne Kinze. Also present was Ron Bray, Laketown Township Engineer, Mike Courie, Township Attorney and residents from both Townships.

Chairman Parris and Chairman Thompson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Ron Bray started the discussion for the improvement of Augusta Road (see slides 4 & 5) for the area that will be improved. Mr. Bray then discussed how the road has deteriorated (slide 6). He then discussed the three options that were available for Augusta Road (see slide 8) with both boards selection Alternative #3. Ron Bray then reviewed the proposed improvements to Augusta Road (slide 9).

Mike Courie discussed the assessment process (slide 10 and 12). Thirteen residents would be impacted with the road improvement (7 on Laketown side and 6 on Dahlgren side).

The estimated cost for the project is (slide 11):

	\$364,575.00
Less LRIP Grant	-\$150,000.00
	\$214,575.00
Laketown Resident Assessment (\$9,903.46/resident)	\$69,324.24
Dahlgren Resident Assessment (\$9,903.46/resident)	\$59,420.76
	\$128,745.00
Which leaves	\$85,830.00
Laketown Township Share	\$55,789.50
Dahlgren Township Share	\$30,040.50

Each Township will decide how many years the assessment will be and residents will have the option to pay in full.

This is just an estimate until bids are received.

Below is the timeline for the project:

September 27, 2023	Informational meetings were held and both boards agreed to apply for a LRIP grant
April 1, 2024	Notification that the Townships would receive \$150,000 in LRIP grants
April 8, 2024	Both Townships executed the Joint Powers Agreement

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Both Townships meet and accepted the Feasibility Report  
 Public Hearing was held to review the Feasibility Report  
 Each Board will vote to approve the project (vote must be unanimous) and approve a resolution ordering the improvement of Augusta Road.

June/July 2024  
 July/August 2024  
 August 2024  
 November 2024

Advertise for bids  
 Open Bids  
 Award Bid and begin construction  
 Assessment Hearing

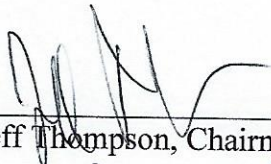
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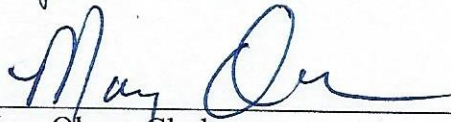
Who	Question	Answer
Randy (6760 Augusta Road)	How wide is the road now?	19' to 23'
Paul Gerald (6760 Augusta Road)	How wide will the shoulders be?	2'
	Can a slow speed limit be set?	Speed limit is set by the MN DOT
	Who does quality control?	The Township Engineer
	<sup>4/10/6</sup> Comment – Can I have any extra fill for my road slope	
Trudy Vogel	How many ton road will it be?	9 ton road with spring posting of 5 ton
Sue Clay	Will the curve be widened by her property?	Yes
	Will the signs be replaced and maintained?	Both Townships will develop a maintenance agreement/schedule for the road. They will meet once a year to discuss the road.
Tim Eiden	Who will make sure that the maintenance happens? Too many years of finger pointing. Who is going to enforce the agreement when Boards change?	Mike Couri – Each Board has the power to change the agreement at any time. Residents need to stay engaged in the process. Jeff Thompson – we have learned it is better to stay on top of the maintenance.
Sue Clay	At another meeting, it was discussed that there was a surplus of money?	Laketown stated that they may use some of their ARPA money for the project. This would not change the residents portion.
Tom Schuster	Just wanted to thank both Boards for coming to an agreement.	

The Boards then asked for a show of hands in favor of proceeding with the Augusta Road Improvement Project – the vote was unanimous of the residents that were present.

Tim Eiden did comment that MVEC is planning on putting a transmission line near Augusta Road.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

  
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Jeff Thompson, Chairman

  
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Mary Olson, Clerk

Approved by the Board on June 10, 2024 Meeting