

Village of Rapids City
June 14th, 2022
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:
I-80 Mississippi River Bridge Project Coordination With Illinois Department of Transportation
Engineers and Specialists

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 5:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Fiems, Fowler, Schnieder, Robertson, Mire and Rankin entered the meeting at 5:06pm

Virtually Present: None.

Absent: DeMarlie

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga

Virtually Present: None.

Mire opened this Committee of the Whole meeting by introducing Steven Robery, Michael Kuehn and Rebecca Marruffo with the Illinois Department of Transportation, Tony Pakeltis of Parsons and Brad Hahn of Images Inc., all of which are working on studying and preliminary engineering of the I-80 Bridge Project.

This meeting was a recap of the presentation held virtually on May 11th, 2022 by the Illinois Department of Transportation and for Village Officials to ask questions and express concerns. A copy of the full presentation may still be found online as well as all exhibit boards.

After the presentation Village Officials expressed concerns if the bridge was completely closed while replacement occurred, especially pointing out if there was a nuclear event that required evacuation. Also mentioning that if the bridge is moved closer to the Village safety concerns with transportation of chemical resulting in spills would affect the residents more so. Moving the bridge closer to the Village will also reduce the amount of properties located within village limits therefore affecting our property tax income.

Also discussed was the fact that semi drivers bypassing the weigh scales, driving through the Village, to presumably avoid fines and downtime.

A virtual public meeting is planned to be held later this year with more information regarding each proposed build alternative. It is the intent to announce next year which build alternative that is chosen. Mire asked that the Illinois Department of Transportation to consider an in-person meeting for those that are not technically savvy to attend a meeting virtually.

With no further business discuss Mire thanked our guests for their presentation and Fiems motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting. Rankin seconded the motion. All members of the board concurred, motion passes. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 6:10pm.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk