

August 7, 2025

**EMERGENCY MEETING REGARDING
LIFT STATION #4 DETOUR**

9:00 a.m.

Utilities Chairperson Larry Grisen called the emergency meeting to order.

The following people were present:

Mayor Richard Champeny
Utilities Chairman Larry Grisen
Foreman Joe Wick
Greg Mueller- city crew
Bernard Bartz- city crew
Nick Carroll - WI D.O.T. coordinator
Steven Wall- Buffalo County Emergency Management
Colin Severson-Buffalo County Sheriff's Department
John DeWitt- Buffalo County Highway Department
Karl Noeldner-Buffalo County Highway Department
Dean Haigh – WI State Patrol
Curtis Marx – Davy Engineering
Shawn Welte – Davy Engineering via speaker phone
Robert Scow – Citizen (former Alma Chief of Police)
Linda Torgerson-City Clerk/Treasurer

Those present worked on the road closure of Hwy 35 issues for the Lift Station #4 project.

Larry Grisen stated that the meeting is to develop a clear plan of who will take care of what regarding this matter.

Curt Marx with Davy Engineering suggested re-opening Hwy 35 over the weekend and then closing again on Monday. Discussion was held and it was decided not to re-open Hwy 35 for the weekend.

- Nick Carroll WI DOT coordinating with contractor and Buffalo County Highway Dept.
 1. Signage in Nelson stating Hwy 35 south closed ahead.
 2. Suggestive sign to use MN – cannot re-route traffic into Minnesota. (This may or may not be done).
 3. All barricades and signage have to be lit.
- Dean Haigh – State Patrol requested closing the south bound turn lane with 20 lit barrels at the 35/37 intersection.
- From the South, replace county “no semi” sign with warning lights “Trailers not advised” Portable Dynamic Sign and Local Businesses Open.

- From the East, replace “no semi” at CTH E and N (Type E) with trailers not advised – written board.
- From the North,
 1. Dean Haigh – State Patrol requested closing the south bound turn lane with 20 lit barrels at the 35/37 intersection.
 2. Portable Dynamic Sign “Ashley for Arts” with Left Arrow. Karl stated he would have a sign.
 3. Local Businesses Open sign
 4. Replace “No Semi Sign”.
- Replace city signs in town. Must be lighted.

Curt Marx will contact Ashley for the Arts and TJ Construction regarding the results of this meeting.

Nick Carroll will be with TJ’s contractor to go over items from this meeting.

Nick Carroll suggested paying over-time to physically direct traffic.

Karl Noeldner stated that the County will provide available signs, however, felt the contractor should be doing this.

Dean Haigh stated that the State Patrol inspector was in the City today.

Dean Haigh and Curt Marx both commented that when people use another route instead of the assigned detour, Google will make a new detour route with what people have been using.

Two semis hit the wall on CTH E from Main Street to 2nd Street with damage. Karl Noeldner requested that a structural engineer review the damage to the wall and determine if the wall is structurally sound and what will be the best repair for the wall prior to the County re-opening that portion of CTH E. Barricades will be placed on Main Street at CTH E and at the top on 2nd Street. Discussion was held. Shawn Welte stated he will check with someone at Davy to possibly inspect the wall.

- No parking should be allowed on Laue Street during this time.
- Residents on 2nd Street just south of Cedar (detour) should be asked to park further south so vehicles can make the turn better.

Larry Grisen adjourned the meeting.