

INFORMAL MINUTES

March 26, 2008

6:30p.m.

City Hall, Yamhill

PRESENT: Commissioners Mary P. Stern, Leslie Lewis, and Kathy George.

Staff: Bill Gille, Public Works Director.

Guests: William Draper, 18325 Stillers Mill Rd., Yamhill; Gary Lewers, 18125 Stillers Mill Rd., Yamhill; Caroline Fulcher, 18590 Stillers Mill Rd., Yamhill; Bruce and Denise Gudmundsson, 17777 NE Stillers Mill Rd., Yamhill; Don Jordan, 888 Airport Rd., Salem; Richard Howard, City of Yamhill Public Works.

Chair Stern opened the meeting at 6:35 p.m. and introduced the Board of Commissioners and Bill Gille, Public Works Director.

Mr. Gille reported that he had taken the concerns of the residents of Stiller’s Mill Rd. to the Board of Commissioners, who decided to hold a public meeting in Yamhill in order to hear directly from the citizens.

Many citizens spoke of their concerns, stating that: the speeding trucks posed a danger to children and walkers along the road; the noise from the trucks was horrible; and the integrity of the road was being compromised.

Don Jordan of ODOT explained that restrictions were imposed on Hwy 240 near Hwy 47 over 13 years ago and that the intersection of the two highways was not designed to handle 53 foot trucks.

Richard Howard, City of Yamhill Public Works, provided a historical perspective of improvements to Hwy 47 that were completed about five years ago and agreed to work with the neighbors on possible water line problems.

The commissioners discussed the possibility of creating a residential district, which would impose a 25 mph speed limit, if the average length between driveways was 150 feet. Other options were also discussed.

The commissioners set the following goals to be accomplished with the help of Yamhill County Public Works:

1. Work toward speeding up the bridge replacement at Ayers Creek to reduce truck traffic;
2. Check on the possibility of a Residence District;
3. Post signs prohibiting unmuffled brakes;

4. Conduct a speed study;
5. Request increased Sheriff's Office patrols;
6. Create No Passing Lanes; and
7. Use money saved by county due to the FEMA assistance to improve road after Ayres Creek Bridge is repaired.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes from notes taken by Mary P. Stern

Attachment: Letter sent to concerned citizens w/list of names