

Agricultural Road Improvement Program (ARIP)
Formica Road, Estate Road and Essex Avenue
Towns of La Grange & Byron
Public Outreach Meeting #2 Minutes
Thursday, November 13, 2025 6:00 pm

Attending: Brendan Smith, Loren Schleusener, Cody Schaub, Wendy Von Haden, Brock Bailey, Al Bernhardt, Sherry Koel, Dean Baumgarten, Priscilla Baumgarten, Susan Zinke, Jessica Dreier, David Zinke, Jim Conant, Bob Conant, Jay Wheaton

Meeting called to order at 6:00 pm

Joint meeting with the Town of La Grange and the Town of Byron.

Brendan and Al gave some general updates about some changes since the last meeting in August.

Jay Wheaton, the engineer from Mead & Hunt for the ARIP project, went through the project with the attendees. He had a large print of the plans available for people to look at.

Jay has been coordinating with the railroad to get those permits. Also coordinating with the utilities. They are also working with the DNR and the DOT for wetland permitting.

Jay is hoping to get the design completed in November and the bidding paperwork done in December so it can go to bid in January and accepted in February or early March, so construction can start in March as soon as the weather permits. The project is expected to take six (6) months.

The town is working on getting some right of way acquisition to allow some curb and gutter to help with water flow.

There was a discussion about some of the wetlands. The bridge was also discussed.

The schedule was discussed, either starting on the south end and working north or starting on the north end and working south. It was decided to start on the south end and work north.

There was some discussion about driveways. Some driveways may need to get some construction easements, so they can work outside of the right-of way to get the driveways sloped correctly.

The culverts under the road will be concrete. Driveway culverts will be metal.

There was discussion about the intersection at Estate and Formica.

Adjourned at 6:50 pm
Wendy Von Haden, Clerk