

TOWN OF STUBBS • PUBLIC HEARING

November 18, 2025 • N3305 S. Hutchinson Road, Bruce, WI 54819

Attendance: Dave Kochendorfer, Chairman; Annie Huiras, Supervisor 1; Pam Bonczyk, Supervisor 2; Lynn DeWall, Clerk

Others in Attendance: Janet Kochendorfer, Jackie Johnson, Bob Johnson, Frank Partridge, Bonnie Partridge, Ken Suzan, Kyle Suzan, Bruce Lorenzen, Gai Lorenzen, Pam Lamm, Brenda Donohue, John Richter, Valerie Richter, Larry Butero, James Moore, Jennifer Reischel, Dean Taylor, Sherman Salter, Tom Cudo, Tom Donohue, Bob Lorkowski, Patricia Burak, Shirley Rouleau, Joe Bill, John Bonczyk, Jim Zak, Carol Zak, Greg Czynscon, Lynne Wierzba, Dave Wierzba, Dwight Taylor

Public Hearing Called to Order at 6:03 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

The chairman stated the purpose of the public hearing was to receive public comment regarding the closure of Martindale Road and Paul Lane at the request of Mr. Suzan and the closure of Lorkowski Lane at the request of Mr. Lorkowski.

Discussion by the board on whether they are satisfied or not satisfied with the information for the request of the road closures. Annie Huiras stated she was not satisfied with the hearing notices as they were done incorrectly.

Motion by Pam Bonczyk/Dave Kochendorfer 2nd to proceed with the public hearing.

Kochendorfer: Aye, Bonczyk: Aye, Huiras: Nay. Motion carried.

The chairman stated the rules of the public hearing. Each person who would like to speak will sign up on the sign-in sheet, noting if they are registered to vote in the Town of Stubbs. Priority will be given to individuals who are registered to vote in the Town of Stubbs. The hearing will continue for two hours, until 8:00 p.m. If a person refuses to speak when their name is called, that person will not have an opportunity to speak later or move their time to another individual. Any written comments received prior to this hearing will be read first. Each person will be allowed up to 4 minutes to speak. Statements regarding any individual or board members will not be tolerated which are attacking, derogatory, or personal. Individuals will explain why they want to keep the roads or why they want to close the roads.

Motion by Pam Bonczyk/Annie Huiras 2nd to follow the rules of the public hearing that were read by the chairman. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Individuals were called to speak based on the order of sign up on the sheet:

- 1) Sherman Salter (comments submitted to the clerk, read by the clerk) – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane. Concerned about loss of transportation aid if roads are closed.
- 2) Brenda Donohue – voted no to close Paul Lane and Martindale Road. Concerned about the damage a well installed by Suzan could do to Amacoy Lake and properties around Amacoy Lake.
- 3) Tom Donohue – voted no to close Paul Lane and Martindale Road. Concerned about the damage a well installed by Suzan could do to Amacoy Lake and properties around Amacoy Lake.

- 4) Tom Cudo – read a letter from a group of electors Pam Bystol, Orv Bystol, Lillian Kempent?, Caitlyn Kempent?, Bethany Roberts, Colby Roberts, and Christina Kempent?: Concerned about loss of revenue from transportation aid and safety for residents for recreation if roads are closed. Cudo stated closing Paul Lane makes absolutely no sense; the road is used daily for recreation.
- 5) Greg Czynscon – voted no to close the roads. Stated it makes absolutely no sense to close the roads. Concerned about loss of revenue from transportation aid and loss of a safe place for recreation that the roads provide.
- 6) Joe Bill – voted no to close Paul Lane; concerned about water tables in the area.
- 7) Jim Zak – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane. Stated the town board has a responsibility to act in the best interests of the town. Stated we do not close roads for private citizens or commercial gain of individual farmers. These road closures will lead to other road closures and a continual decline in revenue.
- 8) Val Richter – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane. Concerned about safety for residents who use Paul Lane for recreational purposes; concerned about loss of transportation aid if roads are closed.
- 9) John Richter – voted no to close the roads. Concerned about loss of transportation aid if roads are closed; also concerned about what the high-capacity wells installed by Suzan could do to Amacoy Lake and properties around Amacoy Lake.
- 10) Jackie Johnson – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane. Stated residents use Paul Lane for recreation such as walking and biking and is concerned about the safety of residents if Paul Lane is closed. Stated all three roads are open to atv/utv use, and if the roads are closed, it would decrease the available roads east of Hwy 40 for atv/utv use. Concerned about Suzan installing an irrigation system and what it will do to the water tables.
- 11) Bob Johnson – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane. Stated the board should give consideration to property owners that live in the town versus property owners that do not live in the town. Concerned about loss of transportation aid if roads are closed. Concerned about Suzan installing a high-capacity well for an irrigation system and what it will do to the water tables.
- 12) Shirley Rouleau – voted no to close Paul Lane, Martindale Road, and Lorkowski Lane.
- 13) Bonnie Partridge – voted no to close Paul Lane; residents use Paul Lane for recreation, concerned about a safe place to walk if Paul Lane is closed. Concerned about home values if Suzan installs a high-capacity well for an irrigation system.
- 14) Frank Partridge – voted no to close Paul Lane; parks his vehicles on Paul Lane due to safety concerns. Also concerned about safety of recreation if Paul Lane is closed.
- 15) Pam Lamm – voted no to close Paul Lane and Martindale Road; concerned about the loss of transportation aid and loss of a safe place for recreation. Also concerned about Suzan installing a high-capacity well for an irrigation system.
- 16) Bruce Lorenzen – voted yes to close Martindale Road; stated that the town does not maintain Martindale Road; voted yes to close Paul Lane; did not have a vote on Lorkowski Lane.
- 17) Ken Suzan – stated he does not feel that Paul Lane and Martindale Road are needed for public transportation. Martindale Road has not been maintained. Stated highway aids are not intended for walking trails, highway aids are for maintaining roads, and the roads are not being maintained and not being traveled by the public. Stated that he never said he was going to install a high-capacity well,

anyone who stated he was planning to install a high-capacity well is telling a lie. Has absolutely zero wells at this time, does not see a financial benefit to having a well.

18) Lynne Wierzba – voted no to closing the roads. Does not see a benefit to the town.

19) David Wierzba – does not believe Lorkowski Lane should be grouped in with Paul Lane and Martindale Road because it is a different situation.

20) Bob Lorkowski – thought it would be wiser to ask the town to close Lorkowski Lane than to have the town pursue a turnaround on Lorkowski Lane. Concerned about the turnaround disrupting the nature and his underground power. Asked the board if they knew what it cost to maintain a road. Suggested N Stefczak Lane and River Ridge be turned into public roads to offset the transportation aid lost by closing Lorkowski Lane.

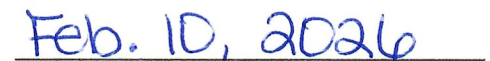
A petition with 79 signatures opposing the closing of the roads will also be entered into the record.

After all public comments had been heard, the chairman announced that the board would take time to review the comments and consider the information presented. The board scheduled a vote for November 24, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.

Motion by Pam Bonczyk/Dave Kochendorfer 2nd to adjourn the public hearing. Motion carried.

Public Hearing adjourned at 6:56 p.m.


Lynn DeWall, Clerk


Date