

## Fulton Board awards road bids, adopts

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Roadwork is one of the biggest allocatable expenses of townships and the Town of Fulton Board takes its responsibility to provide safe, trouble-free roads very seriously, as was seen at its last regular meeting of June 14, 2016 at the Town Hall.

Convening jointly with the Planning & Zoning Commission (P&Z) and Fulton Sanitary District #2, the Board supervisors would later contend with these important road issues; however, before that, a varied set of agenda items occupied both the Board and P&Z.

Supervisor Andy Walton, who is appointed to serve on the Rock Koshkonong Lake District (RKLD), gave his report on the District, noting that an RFP will be sent out in search of a new dam maintenance operator, which position is now vacant.

The RKLD is the largest lake district in the State of Wisconsin, its service area ranging across the three counties of Rock, Dane and Jefferson. At its last meeting, the major share of time had been devoted to a concern shared by most members of the District's commission, who believe the lack of accountability of the Rock County appointee who is, reportedly, "taking action without the Commission's knowledge" may become a problem.

As remedy the commissioners decided that they want to prod the State legislature to reverse a previous decision made by lawmakers which allows a non-elected official to be appointed to serve on a town or county board. As unelected, such officials, many RKLD commissioners felt, don't have to answer to a constituency and if a decision or action they take is wrong, no one could be held accountable.

After debate, a motion to petition the legislature to mandate that only elected officials become proper candidates for appointments was

not unanimously. Walton voted against it. Part of Walton's extended report to the Fulton Board was to give his own accounting on why he had voted as he did, saying "I think there are times that a resident, who is not an elected official, can both be appointed and serve with accountability, with the acting commissioner receiving approval from the Commission prior to acting." The lack of the Rock County appointee getting that prior approval is the nub of the lake district's problem.