

MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – APRIL 1, 2024

Call to Order: Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Trustees Present: Bob Knueppel, Ted Engelbart, and Andy Buchanan

Trustees Absent: None

Others Present: Laurie Buchanan, Roger Zubke, Nathan Schoenike, Dan Reinhart, and Mike Jenquin.

Discuss/Approve Minutes from 3/7/24 Committee Meeting:

Ted motioned to approve the minutes as presented, second by Andy. Motion carried.

Discuss/Recommend Snowmobile Trail Changes with Snowmobile Club:

Dan Reinhart, president of the snowmobile club, informed us that they want to change the trail south of Highway 60 due to safety concerns created by the extra highway lanes added to Highway 60 at the intersection by Dollar General. The old trail went along the right-of-way of the south side of Highway 60. The trail provides access to the gas station and meets up with the trail from the east. Dan proposed a new trail to head south at that intersection rather than west as it presently does. It would head south along the property west of the Dollar General store and then head west, south of Industrial Lane, to eventually meet up with Level Valley Road. This would also eliminate the need to cross S. Hustis Street just south of the Highway 60 overpass near the school entrances. The committee felt this was a good solution and provided no negative concerns to us. Bob will inform the Village Board of this change at the next meeting on April 8th.

Open/Discuss/Recommend Sealed Bids for 2024 Street Maintenance:

We received two bids from Struck & Irwin Paving and Fahrner Asphalt Sealers by 4:00 p.m. on Friday 3/29/24.

Struck & Irwin: \$41,931.55

Fahrner: \$39,458.00

We had extensive conversation with Mike about their service and our expectations. Struck & Irwin was going to spray patch Rubicon Street in the areas that had failed from their previous application several years ago, while they were here if they were awarded this bid. This work really needs to be done because several areas are bad. Roger will check with them to see if they would still do this if they don't get this bid. Mike will look at the street and give us a cost for Fahrner to do it. Andy motioned to table this recommendation due to needing these questions answered. Ted seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bob will have this subject placed on the April 8th Board Meeting agenda for a decision without a recommendation from the committee.

Discuss/Recommend Repairs of Front-end Loader:

Roger and Nathan suggested we have the front-end loader taken in for repair as is, rather than cleaning it up, so the mechanic can see the oil leak residue. They felt there is no need to spend any money to just get an estimate, as we know the Board has basically decided that we are going to repair and keep this 28-year-old machine, rather than purchasing a new one for \$162,000. They felt the repair should be much less than \$50,000, but they would require the mechanic to keep them informed as they proceed so there would be no surprises when the invoice was received. We know for sure these items are in need of repair/replacement: Motor oil leak, electrical issue, hydraulic ram issue, 2 new rear tires, and new seat. Bob motioned to recommend to the Board to go ahead with all the fixes needed, with updates as the work proceeds, and to borrow the money needed for this. Ted seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bob will have this subject placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on April 8th.

Discuss/Recommend Update for Bidding the Joint New Salt Shed:

Nathan reported that ClearSpan has completed the specs for the structure and are working on the foundation specs. Nathan would like to have MSA Engineering do the specs and bidding for the site. He said he has, and will continue, to keep the Town of Hustisford up-to-date with the process. Andy motioned to recommend to the Board to have MSA do the engineering and bidding of the site, seconded by Ted. The motion carried. Bob will have this subject placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on April 8th.

Discuss/Recommend Update to Bidding for Repairs of Roof & Overhead Doors on Village Shop:

Nathan and Roger said the bids have gone out for all three parts of this total repair, which includes the roof, the walls, and the doors. The sealed bids are due on Friday, April 12th, at 4:00 p.m. The bids will be opened at the Public Works Committee meeting on April 16th, at 6:00 p.m. The bids will be awarded at the Village Board meeting on April 16th, at 7:00 p.m. Nathan said 3 contractors have already picked up bid packets for the roof, 3 for the walls, and 1 for the overhead doors. Bob will have these bids placed on the agendas for the Public Works and Village Board meetings on April 16th.

The Committee will go into Closed Session Pursuant to SS19.85(1)(c) to Discuss Part-Time Public Works Position:

Bob reported that this Closed Session was intended for discussion with Dan Wagner regarding wages, since we only paid him \$18.00 per hour last year and a month ago he told Roger he would need more money. He has just informed us that he has decided he is staying with his present employer. We need to proceed with finding someone quickly. We updated our previous ad for part-time employment with a new starting wage of \$20-\$22 per hour, based on experience, and removed the statement about having a CDL. Roger and Nathan will have Kim get this advertised tomorrow.

Adjourn:

With no further business Andy made a motion to adjourn at 7:38 p.m., seconded by Ted. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Public Works Chairman