

# **MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – JULY 17, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

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

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Laurie Buchanan, Nathan Schoenike, Dave Margelofsky, and Jason Laue.

**Discuss/Approve Minutes from 6/3/24 Committee Meeting:**

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

**Discuss/Recommend Option for Salt Shed Bidding:**

Jason Laue of MSA Engineering had bid the entire project altogether to build the new salt shed. The only bid we received was from Bulk Storage for \$440,550.50. This bid is roughly \$175,000 over the budget we had estimated for this project. Jason negotiated with them and they offered to do it for \$68,000 less, but that still leaves us at \$107,000 over budget. We feel it's best to reject the bid and start over. It's too late in the construction season to expect this project to be completed this year for any kind of reasonable cost. Jason recommended rebidding it now with a start date of April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025 and a completion date of September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2025. We want local contractors to bid, but none want to be the General contractor for the whole project. So, Jason will bid the project in 4 separate phases of construction with different completion deadlines for each:

1. Salt Shed Building Foundation
2. Salt Shed Building
3. Paving and Exterior Site Improvements
4. Extra Project Paving for Hustisford Utilities Request

Nathan will oversee the project construction and Jason will offer engineering support by phone or at the site when needed. MSA's cost could be a couple thousand dollars, depending on how much we need his assistance.

Andy motioned to recommend to the Village Board to reject the current bid and to rebid now, for 4 separate phases of construction, with a start date of April 1, 2025 and project completion date of September 1, 2025. Ted seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bob will have this item placed on the August 12<sup>th</sup> Village Board agenda.

**Discuss/Recommend Garbage Collection Contract:**

Bob informed the committee that our 5-year contract with Badgerland/LRS is up at the end of this year. There is a 120-day notice if we want to terminate the contract. Bob has been in contact with Justin at LRS seeking a new proposal. He said his staff is working on that this week. Bob has also reviewed contracts that GFL and Harter's has with near-by communities. Bob Motioned to table this item until we receive a proposal from LRS, seconded by Ted. The motion carried. We will need to set another committee meeting to review this again.

**Discuss/Recommend Tree Root Problem at 205 South Ridge Street:**

Jesse Bischoff is fixing up this property that his father owns. The sidewalk is all in bad condition on the front side of this property. A beautiful tree in the terrace area has grown partially into the sidewalk, so he is concerned if he fixes the sidewalk now, eventually it will become a heaving problem again. He asked Nathan if the tree could be removed. It could cost \$5,000 or more to remove this large beautiful tree. The committee told Nathan to offer to Jesse to pay for half the removal.

**Discuss/Recommend Possibility of New Doors at Village Garage:**

The 5 old doors have been removed in preparation of the wall block work that will be started next week. These doors are old and in poor condition with no insulation. The contractors doing the work on the roof and walls suggested these doors be replaced. Nathan got a total quote from Rod's Doors for \$12,300 installed. Four of the door openers can be reused, but one will need to be replaced for roughly \$1,000.

The contractors also recommended that the 4 glass block windows be replaced due to severe leaking. We have a pail under one window to collect the water running in. There is mold in the office room around the window from the leaking. The window in the storage room can just be closed with concrete block while doing the walls around the doors. Nathan got a quote from All-Seasons to remove and replace the other three windows with Alliance windows for a total of \$3,138.00. Laurie said we borrowed an extra \$50,000 for this project, so we should be able to include these items along with the whole project. Ted motioned to recommend to the Village Board to replace the 5 doors and fix the 4 windows for an estimated \$20,000 out of the borrowed money for the Shop repair project. Bob will have this topic placed on the Village Board agenda for the August 12<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business Ted made a motion to adjourn at 6:30 p.m., seconded by Andy. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Public Works Chairman