

## MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – MARCH 7, 2024

**Call to Order:** Chairman Bob Knueppel called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

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

**Trustees Absent:** None

**Others Present:** Laurie Buchanan, Roger Zubke, and Nathan Schoenike.

**Discuss/Approve Minutes from 1/29/24 Committee Meeting:**

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

**Discuss/Recommend Proposal for Bidding the Joint New Salt Shed:**

Nathan and Roger presented updated information on building changes for a closed door on the front side from ClearSpan, resulting in some increased building costs totaling \$95,636.77. ClearSpan also provided engineering costs for the building as well as the foundation totaling \$8,250.00. By using the company Sourcewell out of Minnesota to do a national bid for CleraSpan structures we saved \$6,350.00. Working with Todd Tessmann, the guys increased the asphalt area slightly to allow parking of the plow trucks with electric heaters. This increased the asphalt costs totaling \$43,963.00. Todd will be working with MSA engineering for the site surface area specs and they estimate those costs to be slightly under \$5,000.00. All total we are projecting a cost of \$265,000, with half that being our portion of \$132,500. Since the Village Board approved going ahead with the engineering and seeking bids for the salt shed at the last meeting, ClearSpan is already working on the design specs for the building. Andy motioned to recommend providing updates and proceeding with the bidding process to the Village Board at their next meeting, seconded by Ted. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss/Recommend the Joint Agreement with the Township of Hustisford for the Salt Shed:**

We reviewed the agreement proposal submitted to us from the Township's attorney. Andy motioned to recommend to the Village Board to approve the agreement as presented, seconded by Ted. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss/Recommend Repairs to Roof & Overhead Doors on Village Shop:**

Roger and Nathan presented updated quotes for replacing the roof and overhead doors. They had realized that some of the work they thought they could do themselves was not possible. They had sought other options for replacing the overhead doors, but could not get any interest. They are estimating the total cost for doing the work for both projects could end up to be around \$120,000, but are hoping for much less. Andy motioned to recommend putting the project out for bids to the Village Board at their next meeting, seconded by Ted. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss/Recommend Replacement of the Front-End Loader:**

Roger and Nathan did extensive research and tried out several different models of loaders. They presented us with three different quotes:

1. John Deere for \$168,000
2. Volvo for \$168,463
3. Caterpillar for \$162,000

This is \$18,000 less than what they originally expected to pay. They are recommending we purchase the Cat. Andy does not feel we need to purchase a replacement. They explained to us how much they use this piece of equipment for many different things. Ted motioned to recommend purchasing the Cat for \$162,000 to the Village Board at their next meeting, seconded by Bob. The motion carried with Andy opposed. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss/Recommend Street Maintenance Repairs for Future Years:**

Bob presented the estimated costs of \$55,000 for the next three years. We had discussion about a proposed wheel tax generating about \$33,000 per year. Andy said we should not borrow or budget for anything above the wheel tax revenue. Bob felt we could budget for the difference when needed. He felt it was irresponsible to not keep following through with the needed upkeep. He felt we could possibly do away with the wheel tax and just borrow the money then if that was the only viable option. Discussion led to possibly raising the wheel tax to generate \$44,000 per year. With no general consensus, Ted motioned to place this topic on the Village Board agenda at their next meeting for discussion, seconded by Bob. The motion carried. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss/Recommend Borrowing Funds for the Above Items:**

Andy felt we could not recommend borrowing for any of these items since we did not have definite figures, just estimates, at this time and we need to wait until bids come in.

1. Salt Shed: \$132,500
2. Front End Loader: \$162,000
3. Village Shop: \$120,000
4. Street Maintenance: \$187,000

Total: \$601,500

Bob felt borrowing all at the same time could be beneficial to get a good rate if we went out for bonding. If just borrowing it might not matter. He felt we could maybe approve borrowing with a “not to exceed” motion. The front-end loader is not an estimate and could proceed. With no general consensus, it was agreed to place this topic on the Village Board agenda at their next meeting for discussion. Bob will have this topic placed on the agenda for the Village Board meeting on Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Discuss Industrial Lane Road Condition by Pivot Point:**

The road condition in this area is broken up due to the water/ice sitting on the road because the drainage is not proper due to the construction that was done on the Pivot Point lot. Roger and Nathan talked to our village engineer and he said the contractor for Pivot Point will be correcting the error they made by not following the specs for the asphalt lot last year. They will be fixing this part of the road at the same time due to their error. The asphalt plants could possibly be opening up a few weeks early this year due to the warm weather we have been having, so hopefully this road fix can happen in early May.

**Adjourn:**

With no further business Ted made a motion to adjourn at 7:34 p.m., seconded by Bob. The motion carried.

Minutes submitted by Bob Knueppel, Public Works Chairman