

Town of Whitewater Town Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, May 30, 2019

8:00am

Present: Lowell Hagen, Robert Strand, Norman Prusener, Carrie Hintz

Approval of agenda –Norm made a motion to approve the agenda as written, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May 8, 2019 town board meeting were reviewed. Norm made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Open, review, and make award decisions on 2019 sealed road bids – Sealed bids were received from Fahrner Asphalt, Scott Construction, Wolf Paving, and Payne & Dolan. Board opened and read each bid.

- Bob Harris said he doesn't think we need to stripe this year. Bob Harris said for chip and seal, he'd suggest Kettle Moraine, Anderson, McCabe, and Engel as priorities. He said Lorwood isn't priority. Norm said he'd like to get all of the chip and seal done with granite option because it would be better than slag. Scott Construction said granite has more traction and said we could do slag on Lorwood because that's what Richmond did on their end. Bob Harris said that he could do the sweeping if we can take that cost out of the bid. Scott Construction was the lowest bidder and the total of the 4 recommended projects (minus Lorwood) with granite is \$60,714.20. The same projects without the sweeping would cost \$55,688.20 which Scott Construction said was fine since they sub out the sweeping. Bob made a motion to accept the Scott Construction bid total of \$55,688.20 for Engel, KM, McCabe, and Anderson without sweeping, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

- Norm said that Marilyn Fuerstenberg sent a letter about Engel paving and that the piece Payne & Dolan did 6 or 8 years ago is in really bad shape. Norm said the one we did last year is cracked a lot too. Norm doesn't feel like we get our money's worth from P&D. He checked out other municipalities and their roads aren't like that. Bob Harris said the shade from the trees doesn't let it ever dry out and that some of it could be from what's underneath. If we don't mill it down then those cracks keep coming up. Norm said there are some big puddles on Clover Valley Road and we need to get the water off the road or it wrecks the road. Norm said that the Engel shoulders are bad and it's one of the worst roads we have. Norm said we don't have to do the Engel Road full project. Go from the bottom of the hill and go as far as the money goes. Bob Strand asked Payne & Dolan if they could do a certain amount of work for what money we have left. The P&D representative said he'd have to ask but he thinks they'd work with us on what we've got. Lowell and Bob Strand said that they thought the ditching bid was high and maybe we could do some of the work ourselves with a loader or dozer. Bob Harris said that County Road N is in bad shape and that asphalt work is priority due to the amount of traffic. He said Engel could be done in the next year or two and that Clover Valley is still patchable. Norm said we should put off the ditching and experiment with the work and take care of Hwy N because that's a mess. Norm made a motion to omit the Clover Valley work and the ditching and award Highway N (Hwy S/Walworth Ave) to Payne & Dolan for \$70,657.91, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

- Fahrner Asphalt said that they are a crack filler and can give us a firm price on each road to take the mystery out of how far our money is going to go. They router out to state spec. Fahrner doesn't have a per pound price for comparison with Crack Filling Service. Bob Harris feels we need to crack fill the end of Engel, Island, and prioritize the rest of our crack filling funds. Norm made a motion to spend \$15,000 on crack filling, seconded by Lowell. Motion passed unanimously.

Highway Landscapers Inc. contract to repair Millis Road guardrail at a price not to exceed \$11,230.00 and to repair existing and install additional new guardrail on Kettle Moraine Drive at Clover Valley Road intersection at a price not to exceed \$4,880.00 – The board approved these projects at the May 8,

2019 town board meeting. Lowell made a motion to sign the contract for \$11,230 and \$4,880, seconded by Norm. Motion passed unanimously.

Century Fence road striping contract – At the May 8, 2019 meeting, Lowell made a motion to stripe roads with a dashed or solid center line (no no-passing zones) for \$8,160.75. After the meeting, Century Fence said that there is a definite liability issue for the town and possibly Century Fence if we just do a dashed center line in a no-passing zone. The town could choose to do a double solid yellow centerline, but the price would quadruple or more because the original quote was assuming many no passing zones with just dashed lines. Therefore, the board is better off paying Century Fence the \$2,100 to locate the no-passing zones, which brings the total price to \$10,260.75 for these roads. Norm made a motion to omit the striping, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Crack Filling Service road crack filling contract and determine crack filling work – Crack Filling Service will provide crack filling service at \$1.25/lb for with a minimum of \$10,000. Norm made a motion to award Crack Filling Service the \$15,000, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Norm said next year we could put it on the road bid packet at a price per pound.

Will's Tree Service quote to remove 3 trees near N7877 E. Lakeshore Drive – There are three dead elm trees that Will's quoted \$1150 to take all 3 down at the same time. Norm said he can't figure out if the trees are in our right-of-way. A lot of roads aren't where they're supposed to be so we can't measure. Norm said that it should be the owner's responsibility to show us it's in the right-of-way. Norm said it's not our responsibility to figure out if it's on our property. Norm made a motion to table until we find out if these trees are our responsibility, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously. Norm will call the property owner for these trees and discuss.

Other Town Business – Lowell said we have Paser ratings to do in 2019 and Ayres sent a letter that they'd do it for \$2500. In 2016 we paid Delmore \$1200 to do this. Lowell is wondering if we need someone to do it every number of years. Norm said he wasn't impressed with the ratings done by Delmore and we can do it ourselves. The board agreed to just do it in house.

Norm made a motion to make Whitewater and Rice Lakes temporary no wake effective today until the water recedes, seconded by Bob. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Input – None

Adjourn to Closed Session - Norm made a motion to move into closed session, seconded by Bob Strand. Motion passed unanimously.

Roadman contract discussed.

Adjourn back to open session.

Pay Bills.

Lowell made a motion to adjourn at 9:31am, seconded by Bob. The motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by Carrie Hintz, Clerk/Treasurer