

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING FOR THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE OF THE VILLAGE OF METTAWA, ILLINOIS, HELD AT THE HOUR OF 6:00 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11, 2021 WAS HELD IN THE COTTONWOOD-ROOM B

A. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Pink called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

B. ROLL CALL

Upon a call of the roll, the following persons were:

Present: Chairman Pink and Members Bohm and Clark

Absent: None

Chairman Pink declared a quorum present.

Attendees: Village Clerk, Sandy Gallo; Village Engineer, Scott Anderson; Resident, Phil Palmer, Hey & Associates Representative, Dave Kraft; Resident, Amy Weiland; Trustees Armstrong and Towne

C. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE MEETING

Minutes of the regular meeting for July 14, 2021 were reviewed. It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark that the regular meeting minutes be approved and be placed on file. The motion was carried.

D. DISCUSS THE LOWEST BIDDER FOR STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLANS FOR LITTLE SAINT MARYS ROAD (NEAR 15141), MEADOWOODS/SOUTHWOODS INTERSECTION, OLD SCHOOL/BRADLEY INTERSECTION, AND THE WEST SIDE OF BRADLEY ROAD NEAR OASIS PARK

Chairman Pink stated three bids were received for the stormwater drainage project. Misfits Construction was the lowest bidder in the amount of \$38,250. Chairman Pink said the Committee will need to decide if they will accept or reject the lowest bidder. Chairman Pink indicated she did a cost comparison on the lowest bidder's proposal against the Hey & Associates Inc., (H&A) final report. H&A estimated Little St Marys Road repair at \$14,000 and Misfits Construction proposed \$11,000, for the Meadowoods/Southwoods intersection H&A estimated \$3,000 and Misfits Construction proposed \$4,250, for the Old School and Bradley Road work H&A estimated \$6,500 and Misfits Construction proposed \$8,500. The west side of Bradley Road near Oasis Park requires clearing out the ditch. Mr. Kraft stated the H&A report indicated general ditch maintenance to be performed. The culvert cannot be done to address the downstream issues, without adding storage to create additional water flow. Chairman Pink questioned if the digging and the restoration amount received from Misfits Construction of \$11,500 was because they did not truly understand the level of work that was needed. Mr. Kraft added that all of these projects can be categorized as general maintenance work.

Member Clark asked what was included in the bid specification for this area. Chairman Pink replied that this document stated this area would include excavation, regrading of the ditches and restoration. Member Bohm asked if the 4 projects could be separated. Chairman Pink stated the three other areas are reasonable but the Bradley Road project for \$11,500 is not. Mr. Kraft said to

restore the culvert will require labor, top soil, seed and a blanket which can be costly. Trustee Towne added this location will require traffic control given it is a high traffic area. Member Bohm asked Mr. Kraft if he would accept this proposal. Mr. Kraft replied that this work will be addressed and completed prior to the winter and there is no guarantee the bid results would be lower in 6 months. Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated three projects are maintenance work while the culvert replacement is prevailing wages. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated he will need to complete a qualifying verification for Misfits Construction prior to commencing this project. Member Bohm said he would like to move forward with the lowest bidder. Member Clark stated she would like the work to be completed prior to the winter too. Chairman Pink said she has received various communications from residents of the roads flooding and they would like them to be resolved. Chairman Pink asked when Misfits Construction would be able to complete these projects. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied the bid spec stated the work needed to be completed by October 1st. Chairman Pink said she is in favor of accepting the lowest bidder.

A motion was made to approve the lowest bidder Misfits Construction in the amount of \$38,250 once the qualification has been completed by Village Engineer Scott Anderson. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

E. UPDATE ON 15390 LITTLE ST MARYS ROAD STORMWATER PROJECT

Chairman Pink indicated the area around 15390 Little St. Marys Road is worse than anticipated with the water topping over the road and eroding the land. This project cost estimate was set at \$95,000. This location will require a number of permits and the wetlands to be delineated prior to any work being completed. Mr. Kraft indicated a culvert will be added in this area in order to handle the water flow to the river. The cost includes clearing dead ash trees and stones being added around the ditch to avoid land erosions. The ground level water elevation has impacted mature ash trees. Chairman Pink stated this project will require this resident to grant the Village access to their land to complete the work. Mr. Kraft stated this project cannot be completed in two phases like originally discussed, the downstream of water will need to be handled first and stones will be added around the areas where erosion is occurring at the edges. Member Bohm asked if adding stones at this time could be a short-term solution. Village Engineer Scott Anderson replied larger stones have already been placed in the area, they cannot be any larger. Mr. Kraft replied the H&A report was developed to improve drainage not just add material in areas.

Member Bohm asked if the Committee can obtain H&A support to ensure these projects are handled properly. Trustee Towne asked if the residents approve of these projects being discussed. Chairman Pink added both residents have given their approval of this work to be performed. Mr. Kraft said some of the downstream work will also result in clearing of dead trees and restoration of the area. Chairman Pink asked Mr. Kraft to draft a proposal for these areas in order to obtain permits and meeting with residents. Mr. Kraft asked that the wetland get delineated prior to October.

Chairman Pink said the Village will be completing these drainage projects to support the residents. Chairman Pink asked the Committee to review the H&A report once again and to consider the next drainage project for the next meeting. Chairman Pink said the Committee will be asking the Board to approve the recommendation for H&A to investigate and draft a proposal for the Little St. Marys drainage project.

A motion was made to hire H&A to draft a bid specification to address the drainage issue at 15390 Little St. Marys Road. The motion was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

Mr. Kraft said once the scope of the work has been completed, H&A will meet with those residents being impacted to discuss if they have any other drainage issues they would like to be addressed. The proposal will be drafted as a cost sharing and a resident expense for this work.

Chairman Pink asked Mr. Kraft if he can provide a proposal for the upcoming August Board meeting. Mr. Kraft said he will send the proposal to the Village Clerk.

A motion was made to approve the H&A's proposal for Little St Marys Road drainage repair. The motion was moved by Member Clark and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion was carried.

F. DISCUSS THE LOWEST ESTIMATE RECEIVED FROM PERFECT CUT TREE SERVICE FOR THE TREE REMOVAL AT 15210 LITTLE ST MARYS ROAD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,600

Chairman Pink said a proposal was received from Perfect Cut as the lowest bidder for the tree removal at 15210 Little St. Marys Road in the amount of \$1,600. The Village has hired Perfect Cut in the past, therefore, we have no issues accepting their bid.

A motion was made to accept Perfect Cut's proposal in the amount of \$1,600 to remove the tree at 15210 Little St. Marys Road. The motion was made by Member Clark and seconded by Member Bohm. The motion was carried.

Chairman Pink stated this tree is close to a powerline and Perfect Cut has acknowledged the location and stated the power does not need to be turned off to work in this area.

G. UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC CONTROL SIGNALS ON BRADLEY AND OLD SCHOOL ROAD

Trustee Armstrong provided the Committee a comparison table of the three vendors who submitted traffic sign estimates. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he will be installing whichever vendor signs the Committee decides. Trustee Towne asked if the vendors installed their own signs. Trustee Armstrong added she was not provided installation cost. The Committees goal is to install traffic calming signs to collect data in order to submit details of traffic behavior to the Sheriff for their support. Chairman Pink asked Trustee Armstrong if she was receiving the Sheriff's emails regarding their safety programs. Trustee Armstrong was not and will be added. Chairman Pink suggested to the Committee to consider asking the Village of Vernon Hills to patrol our Village.

Trustee Armstrong said the signs would be placed on Bradley and Old School Road. The consideration is to purchase two or three traffic signals for these two streets. Trustee Towne stated maybe we should consider flashing red STOP signs along with the speed signs to reduce speeders. Village Engineer Scott Anderson added having permanent poles would not allow the signs to be moved around the Village streets. However, mounting the new signs onto existing poles by increasing the pole size to handle the weight, will allow the flexibility for signs to be moved.

Trustee Armstrong added given the Village does not have law enforcement officers to address speeding, the Village needs to address this matter differently. With the purchase of these traffic

calming signs the Village will be collecting days and times of reoccurring speeding in order to discuss this issue with the Lake County Sheriff. Amy Weiland stated in order to be effective and impactful the signs need to be moved to make speeders aware the Village is addressing this issue.

Trustee Clark stated she liked the Elan City signs due to the display size, the Bluetooth factor, solar panels and the discounted amount is a plus.

Chairman Pink indicated Public Works Committee cannot approve a Safety Commission motion but this project can be discussed at the Board meeting. Village Clerk Gallo indicated she will discuss the following stated motion with Village Attorney Jim Rhodes to determine if the Public Works Committee can make such motion.

A motion was made to approve the speed/traffic calming signs not to exceed \$6,300 pending legal review. The motion was made by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark. The motion was carried.

H. ANY OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY APPEAR TO THE COMMITTEE FOR CONSIDERATION, AND IF APPROVED, BE RECOMMENDED FOR APPROVAL TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Chairman Pink said she spoke with Village Engineer Scott Anderson regarding cleaning the Village ditches. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said he would need a budgeted amount to determine the level of cleaning the ditches will need to be performed. Village Engineer Scott Anderson indicated the restoration of the land around the ditches will cost more than the clearing. Village Engineer Scott Anderson said it is difficult to quantify an estimate to complete this project. Chairman Pink added she would also like to communicate to the residents that they too will need to clean their ditches to improve the water flow.

Village Engineer Scott Anderson stated the ditch along Mettawa Lane will need to be addressed later.

Village Engineer Scott Anderson said the businesses within the SSA#4 granted the Village permission to handle any sanitary sewers issues. Chairman Pink said she received two proposals for the sanitary sewers project. This work is where the force main leaves Oasis Business Park and goes along Route 176, two air valves required work. Village Engineer Yamin will communicate to the businesses within SSA#4 of the upcoming work to be performed.

A motion was made to approve the Homer Tree Service proposal for SSA#4 for \$7,000, pending the approval from the businesses in the SSA. The motion was made by Member Bohm and seconded by Chairman Pink. The motion was carried.

I. ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Member Bohm and seconded by Member Clark to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 pm. The motion was carried. Sandy Gallo, Village Clerk