

MINUTES PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

JULY 10, 2013

The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Mel Schaefer at 5:00 p.m. Members present were Donovan Mayer, Matt Quade, and Dave Peschong. Keith Hemmesch was absent. Advisory members present were Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Chuck DeWolf, Bolton & Menk, Inc.

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the minutes from the June 10, 2013 Public Works Committee meeting. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

PONDS RIP RAP

Two quotes were reviewed:

Voss	\$43.75 per ton or \$65,625.00
Monson	\$53.00 per ton or \$79,500.00

A map showing the yearly progression of the pond rip rapping was presented. It was reported that this will be the final year of the project which started in 2008. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Peschong to approve the quote from Voss in the amount of \$43.75 per ton and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Quade and unanimously carried.

2014 BUDGET

The 2014 proposed street, snow and ice, street lighting budgets and equipment lists were reviewed. Members noted the major increases and/or decreases. The proposed major increases discussed were street maintenance and repair due to increased cost of patching, street CIP for a possible regional pond and purchase, and future projects. The Equipment CIP was reduced due to the street sweeper purchase was less than had been budgeted for. It was reported that the budgets will also be presented to the Budget and Finance Committee prior to going to the City Council.

SNOW BLOWER

It was reported that there is a need to replace the large snow blower this fall. The usage is not only the downtown area, but at the airport where staff utilizes it to run the entire length of the runway several times a year. Price quotes will be presented at the next meeting.

COAKLEY AVE. WASHOUT

A picture of the washout was presented. The Committee discussed the two catch basin sink holes. The cause of the problems is coming from the property in the Township. It was suggested to meet and discuss a solution with Township officials.

WATER PLANT REHAB

DeWolf presented a water system timeline for improvements. The Water Plant Rehab would create a high pressure zone, elevated storage, booster pump station, and water main improvements. A map was presented with potential booster and tower sites. It was reported that the booster station could be utilized to solve the current issues and be utilized to serve future needs. There was some discussion; however, no action was taken.

WASTE WATER RE-SCOPING PROJECT

DeWolf updated the Committee on the construction and that work is proceeding in all areas of the project.

MPCA – FORMER MIDTOWN SERVICE STATION

MPCA has sent access requests to several property owners asking for monitoring wells to be installed on their private property with no compensation. A meeting is being scheduled with the City Council and MPCA.

HWY. 55 & CO. RD. 181 INTERSECTION

DeWolf reported that the project is complete. Members all agreed that the changes have improved the safety of the intersection.

2014 STREET PROJECT

DeWolf presented three layout options for the old Hwy. 23 rehab portion of the project:

1. Eliminates the center turn lane and creates a boulevard and parking
2. Has the center lane with no boulevard and an 8 foot parking lane
3. Has the center turn lane with no parking and no boulevard

There will be an informational meeting and a public hearing; the County Engineer will likely attend these meetings.

STREET CIP PLAN

The Street CIP was presented to members noting the changes of Lake Ave. and Minnie St. as a 2015 project. The past projects are scheduled to be overlaid every 20 years. If the streets are not overlaid prior to deterioration; it is not cost effective. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Quade to approve the Street CIP Plan and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Peschong and unanimously carried.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.