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PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MEETING – Wednesday, November 6th, 2024– Page 1

The Public Works Committee meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building. In attendance were President Tony Sindelar, Chairman Jason Pierce and committee members Melvin Waller and Bob Berry; also in attendance was Public Works Director Brent Frank.

The agenda for the meeting was:

- 1} Roll Call
- 2} Approve meeting minutes from October 2nd, 2024
- 3} Citizen input
- 4} Discuss 2025 Budget
- 5} Update on Hwy 13 streetlight replacement
- 6} Discuss NR 117 Shoreland-Wetland Protection Program
- 7} Adjournment

A majority of the Village Board may be present but no Board action is contemplated.

Approval of October 2nd, 2024, Minutes

Motion by Berry, second by Waller to approve the September 4th Public Works Minutes, motion carried.

Citizen Input

Waller brought up a garbage pill in front of 404 Grand Street.

Frank stated that he sent her a letter, then found out later that week that the homeowner passed away.

Frank will find out from Attorney Flanagan what the next step should be.

Sindelar asked if there has been any follow up on the shipping container that was brought in on Superior Street?

Frank stated that the guy (Tony Hernandez) says he feels he has the right to it through some federal law, even though the Village has ordinances against them. He also mentioned to him that he can't be using the camper to stay in that he has there, and he claimed he wasn't. But Frank has driven by a few times last week and there's always 1 or 2 trucks there, so they're using the camper too.

The Committee discussed how many outbuildings someone could have, other than a garage. They are going to look into it.

Pierce asked Frank about the truck that he sent them an email about a few weeks ago.

Frank stated that he hasn't heard anything more about it. It was a truck someone was talking about trading in.

Discuss 2025 Budget

Sindelar gave a little update since the Finance Committee did meet and started the budget process, and the Public Works Committee was meeting later they went with last year's budgetary numbers. They plugged them in the budget as a place holder. Then from there if we need to change it we still have a little bit of time to move stuff around up or down.

Pierce asked Frank if he had anything he was looking at for 2025, replacement or anything coming up that will need fixing?

Frank stated the red truck. He needs to look at getting new cutting blades for the Case. New tire sets.

Waller stated that maybe they could look into getting a flatbed with a plow. He doesn't know what the rest of the committee thinks of that, but maybe we should dump it in together in one unit.

Frank stated that he doesn't know how well a flatbed would be as far as maneuverability. Frank stated that the 1-ton is going to need to be replaced we could always look at getting a bigger dump truck like that with a plow on it.

Pierce asked Sindelar if he remembered offhand what the numbers were for last year?

Sindelar stated that the street equipment fund has been \$10,000 for a few years. The building fund is \$65,000 as of June. Street equipment fund as of June was \$72,725.

Waller would suggest they raise it from \$10,000 to \$15,000 because machinery isn't getting any cheaper.

Berry agrees. We need a flatbed eventually; we are going to need a plow truck so let's start adding that up a little bit more. Berry asked Frank if he's good on tools for the shop.

Frank stated that he hasn't come across anything that he feels he's lacking.

Pierce asked when the Finance Committee wants their numbers by?

Sindelar stated that he would take the info and forward it on to the members because they plan on meeting before the next Board meeting. That way they can go over it and make any changes they need.

Pierce stated that they need to redo the 5-year plan for roads in the Village.

Sindelar stated he was hoping to get together with Jason at the City and talk about Park Street. Maybe also look at Hillwood Lane.

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Update on Hwy 13 Streetlight replacement

Frank stated that most of the old streetlights have been sold. Frank had no update on the new lights. They have the new bases in by Moundview. They have until January to finish.

Discuss NR 117 Shoreland – Wetland Protection Program

Berry stated that he wanted to discuss this to get a head of the Lake District. They are pushing to get this adopted. We as a village really don't have much for shoreline ordinance, and most villages in the state have adopted NR 117. NR 117 is geared towards villages. Berry stated that there is a group of people in the Lake District Board now that are going to be pushing to have this done. This same group is pushing people to try and to riprap and fix their shorelines up even though the Lake District really has nothing to do with it. They are going to try and help people grants to do it. There might be people from the Lake District at the meeting Monday night.

Adjournment

Motion by Berry, second Waller to adjourn the meeting, motion carried.

Rebecca Reuter
Deputy Clerk