

Town Roads Committee Meeting – June 14, 2016

Posted June 10, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. at the Town Garage and the Town Web Site. Notice sent to Ashland Daily Press.

A Town Roads Committee meeting at the Town of Russell Community Center was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Roads Committee Vice-chairman Mark Bugher. Roll call was taken as follows: Supervisors Jeff Benton, Larry Meierotto, and Don Sullivan were present. Chairman Paul “Rocky” Tribovich and Mark Wendling were excused. Road Foreman Jim Barningham and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good were also present.

No members of the public were present.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

Approval of the agenda – A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to approve the agenda. The motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to approve the minutes of the Town Roads Committee Meeting of May 19, 2016. The motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Crack Sealing Proposals for Old County Trunk K – Barningham contacted Bayfield County and they inspected the road and felt it has deteriorated beyond the point of crack sealing. They recommend that the Town have the road spray patched, to better fill the divots caused by the cracking which are producing the rough, pounding noise when you drive the road. He is currently checking on prices from various suppliers but has not heard back from any of them. We can rent the equipment and do the work ourselves. They will give us a cost estimate this coming week. The mastic/aggregate mix is \$0.60 per pound. This compares to \$0.55 per pound for traditional crack seal material. We estimate 400 cracks on the section of road from Rowley/Peterson Hill intersection south east to State Highway 13. Discussion followed. A prior estimate to crack seal this section of Old County K was \$75,000 to \$80,000. A scrub seal of the entire road surface is estimated at \$100,000. A motion to table at this time was made by Benton and seconded by Sullivan. The motion carried.

Recommendation Regarding Purchase of Tractor/Boom Mower and Trade of Existing Unit – The Clerk distributed an updated proposal from Lulich Implement. Discussion followed about the pros and cons of a 50” head versus a 60” head. The cost is the same for both heads. The 22-foot boom was discussed. Discussion followed about the need for a longer reach boom and why it is beneficial. The Tribal boom/mower specifications were discussed. Discussion followed about possibly seeking bids for a unit with the spec’s the Town wants. Collaborating with the Tribe/BIA on a joint ownership was discussed. It was determined that this is a future issue. A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton that we recommend the Town Board seek proposals based on the specifications we developed. Discussion followed. Chairman Tribovich joined the meeting by telephone at this time. The motion carried.

Clerk Good provided financing options for the equipment purchase at an estimated cost of \$100,000 after trade; The State of Wisconsin Bureau of Lands is 3%, Northern State Bank is 3.25% and Bremer Bank is 2.69%. These are 7-year fixed rate terms with monthly payments.

TRIP Project Turner Road – Tribovich explained the first award of funds, \$27,940, need to be expended by June 30, 2017 or we lose them. To keep and use these funds we need to do this project this year. We need to seek proposals for a possible bid opening on July 5, 2016 with an estimated project completion of September 30, 2016. We received another TRIP grant this year which brings the total to \$71,703. The Town needs to match these funds to add towards this project. We will pulverize and pave 1.1 miles of Turner Road from State Highway 13 south to the intersection of Weidinger Road. Discussion followed about project details. A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton to recommend to the Town Board that we proceed with this project and seek bids. The motion carried. Tribovich left the meeting at this time.

Items for next Committee Meeting agenda – Nothing was offered.

Schedule next meeting – No meeting date was set.

A motion to adjourn at 7:00 p.m. was made by Sullivan and seconded by Benton. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good - Clerk/Treasurer