

Special Town Board and Roads Committee Meeting – May 18, 2017

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Tribovich at 7:00 p.m. at the Town of Russell Garage. Roll call was taken as follows; present Supervisors Jeff Benton, Mark Bugher, and Don Sullivan, Roads Committee member Mark Wendling and Clerk/Treasurer David L. Good. Supervisor Larry Meierotto was excused.

Two Town Electors or members of the public were present in addition to those engineering firm representatives identified below.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present.

PUBLIC INPUT – Tribovich asked the public if input should be held now or at the end of the meeting. No public input was offered.

NEW BUSINESS

Tribovich asked representatives of the engineering firms present to introduce themselves:

Randy Beneta – Becher-Hoppe
Randy Lund – Ayres & Associates
Shawn Stromberg – MSA
Brian Chapman – Cooper Engineering
Don Gustafson – S.E.H.

He thanked everyone for coming to the meeting and asked the Board to address any questions they may have regarding the proposals submitted to the Town. Wendling summarized the challenges the Town faces to have these types of projects completed in a timely manner and on budget. The Town is looking for a firm to represent the Town's interests. A lengthy discussion was held regarding all aspects of these types of projects, the challenges facing all parties and the relationships with WI DOT, McKnight Engineering, WI DNR, etc. Tribovich thanked everyone for attending and discussing their proposals with the Board/Committee.

Review proposal received engineering services for Old County K Road Re-construction Project – The Town solicited proposals from 10 firms. Nine proposals were received which included the above firms plus Westbrook Engineering, NWBE, Cedar Engineering, and Coleman Engineering. C & S Design did not submit a proposal. Copies of the proposals received were given to all Board and Committee members on Tuesday, May 16, 2017. Tribovich felt the Board/Committee should take the input from tonight's meeting under consideration and the Board/Committee should schedule a meeting within the next week or two to rank the proposals.

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Bugher to table the following agenda items to a later date that is not determined at this time.

1. Evaluate proposals utilizing revised Consultant Rating Sheet FDM8-5 Attachment 20.1.
2. Establish prioritized list of Consultants and complete WI DOT Form DT1515.

The motion carried.

Establish 2017 Town Road Surface Condition Ratings for WI DOT – The Board reviewed all roads on the WI DOT Town Road Inventory and assigned PHASER Ratings. The Clerk was directed to file the ratings with the WI DOT.

Request by Red Cliff Tribe to do a Section 106 Survey for training purposes on May 23-24, 2017 on Town 54-acre parcel of land at Big Sand Bay currently under a Purchase Option Agreement with the Trust for Public Lands – Tribovich reviewed his discussions with Town legal counsel and the National Park Service regarding this request. Clerk Good summarized his discussion with the Trust for Public Lands. A motion was made by Bugher and seconded by Sullivan to deny the request based upon the recommendation from Town legal counsel. The motion carried.

Chairman, Supervisor and Clerk/Treasurer reports – Nothing was offered.

Items for next Town Board Meeting agenda – Discussion was held regarding when to meet again on the tabled items. No agreement could be reached at this time due to known conflicts by Board/Committee members present.

A motion was made by Sullivan and seconded by Bugher to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. The motion carried.

The minutes respectfully submitted by:

David L. Good – Clerk/Treasurer