

Committee of the Whole
March 27, 2023
MINUTES
6:00pm

Board present: Steve Buss, Claudia Simpson, Christin Keeffer, Brian Peight, Les Nielsen, Chelsea White (6:08), Brandon Smith, Cathy Stevens, Nicole Callos.

Also present: Brian Nott, Mick Gronewald, Lindsay Buss, Kory Polhill, Nick Bergman

Call to Order

1) The Committee of the Whole meeting of March 27, 2023 was called to order by President Buss at 6:00pm.

Approval of Minutes – February 27, 2023

2) On a motion by Peight second by Smith to approve the meeting minutes from February 27, 2023. ALL AYE.

Approval of Bills Payable

3) On a motion by Stevens second by Keeffer to approve the bills payable report. ALL AYE.

Public Participation

4) There was no one for public participation at this time.

Discuss 2023 General Engineering Service Agreement

5) Nott explained that this agreement allows for proposals under a certain amount to be approved ahead of time without a meeting to go ahead with the work. This agreement has been in place already but it was discussed to raise the number from \$34,500 to \$40,000 to be approved at the April Board Meeting.

Discuss/Approve Fehr Graham Sherwood Lane Proposal

6) Gronewald explained that the goal is to replace the existing 12" pipe and redirect water by the Lena Drive Inn. This is the revised plan; a bid will be drawn up if approved. On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to approve the bid packet in the amount of \$17,300. ALL AYE.

Discuss/Approve Fehr Graham Curb & Gutter Repairs

7) Nott explained that this is an additional review of repairs that need to be done. The bid packet will be put together for 12 inlets and curb work after the evaluation. On a motion by Nielsen second by Keeffer to approve the estimates as presented. ALL AYE.

Discuss/Approve Leet Street Proposal

8) Nott presented two separate bids, one for hot mix and drainage issues, the second to address drainage. Nott explained that each street has two different bids showing one for just the pulverized hot mix, and the other showing the additive to strengthen the roads. To add the additive increased the bids approximately \$50,000 for each project. The approximate lifespan is 10-12 years without the full additive and 20 years with. The Board was apprehensive to do the additive considering these are low traffic roads. The drainage work to be done will lengthen the lifespan of these roads as well. The work to be done includes 3 inch asphalt surfacing. On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to approve the 3" pulverization option for Leet, School and Williams street. ALL AYE.

Discuss/Approve Dayton Street Proposal

9) On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to approve the proposal as presented. ALL AYE.

Discuss Employee Health Insurance Contributions

10) The Village currently pays 100% of the 12 employees health insurance, and 60/40 for employee spouses. Buss addressed that some employers offer incentives for spouses to use their own insurance and the Village would be interested in following suit. The Board was leaning toward the \$1500-\$2000 incentive for additional members not taking insurance with the Village.

Discuss Budget

11) The Board reviewed the budget. The Board will be reviewing this individually and getting any changes to be made to Treasurer Callos for this to be approved at the April Board Meeting.

Discuss Newsletter

12) Stevens would like to have these out by next week (4/3/23). A PDF version will be online as well. Buss wanted to have the Gills app information listed in the newsletter, so residents know when garbage pickup is delayed.

Discuss/Approve Transfer of Checking Funds

13) Buss explained that the checking at Citizens State Bank has gained more interest than the checking account at Lena State Bank, so they will be switching to make the Citizens account the Village primary account. On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to transfer funds from Lena State Bank to Citizens State Bank. ALL AYE.

Discuss/Approve Lena Lions Pet Parade

14) The Lena Lions Club asked to have a pet parade as an awareness program for diabetes on July 22nd. Buss stated The Village will be verifying liability insurance. On a motion by Peight second by Nielsen to approve the Lena Lions Pet Parade. ALL AYE.

Discuss Spongy Moth Spray

15) Callos explained the Department of Agriculture will be posting a time for a meeting to answer any questions sometime before the gypsy moth spraying in June.

Approve Full Time Police Officer

16) On a motion by second to approve Sierra Maurer as a full time police officer. She has already been through the academy. Chief Gift wanted it mentioned that the Village will also be purchasing a vest from the County for new hire. ALL AYE

Approve Purchase of Mower for Wastewater Treatment Plant

17) Smith explained that it is \$50,000 for a Power Trac mower that can mow that gradient by the wastewater treatment plant. To hire out the work, a 1 million dollar umbrella is necessary. The Board wants to give this more time to see if they can find someone they can hire to do this.

On a motion by Keeffer second by Smith to adjourn to Executive Session: ***Pursuant to the exception set forth in Section 2 (c) (1) of the Illinois Open Meeting Act concerning personnel.**

No action was taken during Executive Session.

Adjournment

18) On a motion by Smith second by Keeffer to adjourn the March 27, 2023 Committee of the Whole Meeting at 8:15pm. ALL AYE.

Submitted by Claudia Simpson, Village Clerk