

LAKE SHORE ROADS/WATEWATER COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 19, 2019

Meeting Call to Order

The Meeting was called to order by Chairman Paul Strong at 7:00 P.M.

Members Present: Terry Hanson, Ray Rasinski, Paul Strong, Bill Schultz, Andy Swift, Dave Reese (WSN), and Council Liaison Wayne Anderson. Quorum confirmed.

Approval of Minutes Motion to approve the minutes of February 19, 2019 meeting made by Ray Rasinski and seconded by Bill Schultz. Motion passed.

Roads

Bids Received for 2019 Street Improvements

Dave Reese reviewed the bids to complete the 2019 Street Improvement work with the Committee. Dave indicated that bids were higher than expected and highlighted the price for bituminous curb and gutter which was significantly higher than expected for both bids. Ray asked if curb and gutter could be changed to concrete. Dave indicated this was possible, but that it would require a change order and is generally more expensive. Bill indicated that the City of Nisswa utilized bituminous curb in many areas to reduce maintenance costs. Wayne indicated that the extra cost for the curb and gutter could potentially be funded using the road maintenance budget. Ray asked if it was responsible to install the curb and gutter now with the increased cost. Dave indicated that it was the best option available, as the cost to install the gutter afterwards will be higher and the installation of the gutters should reduce road maintenance costs over time.

A motion was made by Ray Rasinski to endorse the bid from Anderson Brother's Construction Company as presented which was seconded by Andy Swift. The motion passed unanimously.

Possible LRIP Funding for Jacob's Road

Wayne indicated that the application for funding through the LRIP was submitted on March 1st. Dave indicated that he had discussed the application and fees with the Loon Lake Township Board, but that they decided not to apply for the funding as they could not afford the non-construction fees, which are not covered by the LRIP Grant, associated with the project. Paul asked when we could expect to hear back on the City's application, to which Dave and Wayne indicated it may be as early as the spring of 2020. Dave also indicated that LRIP funding is decided by the legislature and that it may be several years before the City receives a reply.

Spring Road Tour

The committee scheduled a road tour for April 2nd, 2019 at 5:15 P.M. to identify areas where maintenance needs to be completed.

Crack Sealing

The Committee will provide recommendations for crack sealing after the Spring Road Tour.

Calcium Chloride Treatment

The committee discussed calcium chloride treatment that has been done on some of the City's gravel roads in the past. Wayne indicated that the unit price for the treatment was the same as in 2018, and that an application was due the County by May 15, 2019.

Request from Frederik Kirklín re: Wenzel Point lift station

A request was received from a resident on Wenzel Point Road, Frederik Kirklín, to clad the new steel lift station control house in wood to make it more aesthetically pleasing. Ray and Wayne explained that the old

control station did have a wood enclosure on it in the past, but that it had rotted away. Dave indicated that the manufacturer had no concerns with installing a wood enclosure around the control station, but that a slot for the warning light would have to be made on the top of the control station. The committee discussed the specifications of the enclosure and concluded that it would probably cost less than \$500 to construct an enclosure that was similar to the old one. The committee concluded that installing the enclosure would be the most prudent option to avoid future conflicts with the neighboring property owner.

A motion was made by Paul Strong and seconded by Bill Schultz to recommend that a wooden enclosure be constructed around the lift station. The motion passed unanimously.

Street Improvement District Letter of Endorsement

Dave presented a request for support from the committee from the League of Minnesota Cities and City Engineers Association of Minnesota outlining a legislative bill (HF 1095 and SF 1271) for the City to consider. Dave also drafted a letter of support the City could submit. Dave explained that should the bill pass through the Minnesota Legislature, they would allow for local governments to create Street Improvement Districts. The City has used the road reserve from the annual levee and assessed the cost of first paving a street but has struggled to reliably fund larger road repair projects. Dave indicated that the formation of a Street Improvement District was not mandatory. Ray asked where money would come from to fund the district. Dave indicated it would appear as an assessment on annual property taxes, such as how landfill fees are taxed. The committee discussed the formation of a Street Improvement District. Dave explained that the formation of the Street Improvement District could be initialized by the City if the bill passes by Ordinance. Ray indicated that a Street Improvement District may allow the City plan for future road improvements more easily. Dave indicated that a road district would not have to go through the same level of public review to fund street improvement projects as an assessment and may improve the City's ability to receive financing to complete road improvements. Andy stated his concern about endorsing the letter due to a lack of time to review the bill/letter in their entirety.

A motion was made by Terry Hanson to recommend that the council endorse the letter and seconded by Bill Schultz. Andy Swift abstained from voting. The motion passed.

Wastewater

Wastewater Improvements

Dave indicated that the preconstruction meeting with Tom's Backhoe had been completed and that the necessary equipment was on order. Dave indicated that construction might be able to start in April and that completion by early summer is expected. Dave warned that Tom's Backhoe may store/stage some materials on City property, but that the materials were not the City's property until they were installed.

Wastewater Report

The March Wastewater Operations Reports were reviewed by the committee. The report indicated that several sewer lines are still frozen and continue to be pumped regularly. The report indicated that the telemetry unit's batteries, monitoring well sampling, and other spring cleanup activities would be completed once the snow has melted.

Old Business

Ray asked about the items that were still incomplete along CSAH 77 in the City. Wayne indicated that a final punch list had put together for items to be completed this spring, and that some retainage has been held until those items are completed.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

Motion made by Ray Rasinski and seconded by Bill Schultz to adjourn at 8:25 P.M.