

Town of St. Joseph
Minutes for the Public Works Committee
Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Call to order: by Chair Marty at 6:05PM

STATEMENT OF PUBLIC NOTICE as required by the Clerk/Treasurer **ROLL CALL** all members are present **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:** Motion to adopt the agenda as posted. Simpson. Long passed
APPROVAL OF PRIOR MEETING MINUTES -2/7/17 and 3/7/17: Motion to approve the minutes for 2/7/17 as presented. Marty/Johnson passed, Long and Simpson recused themselves as they were absent. Motion to approve the minutes of 3/7/17 as presented: Marty/Johnson passed Simpson and Zahler were absent for that meeting.

Business:

1. **Public Works building specs and progress:** Motion to recommend that the board pursue other avenues with the contractors directly to try and get this building built this year. In addition, we would ask that the board have a discussion with Stantec regarding the costs for this project. Simpson/Johnson passed
2. Snowplowing: Nothing to report. Salt/sand was hauled back to the county
3. **Sealcoating and cracksealing bids for 2017:** Motion to recommend that the board accept the bid from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers Inc. for \$118,189.40 with the change order for the additional roads to crackseal and sealcoat to bring the total of \$136,280.80. We ask that the board have Stantec oversee Fahrner to prevent any issues. Johnson/Zahler -passed
 - a. Additional roads to crackseal-these will be added with a change order.
4. Cul-de-sac at end of Buck Run RD: no action taken at this time.
5. Discussion concerning Class "B" Weight restrictions/enforcement on town roads: Long and Kimball are looking into this. Class "B" would give us more control over our roads and damages to them from the overweight vehicles.
6. General maintenance:
 - a. Maintenance issues
 - i. Damages to roads: Continued issues in developments with home construction
 - ii. Completion of work orders: see below
 - iii. Brushing and tree cutting: Still some to go, need to do Rail DR as they are leaning over
 - iv. Tractor maintenance
 1. Front tractor tires: will get more life out of turf tires. Tractor tires are too soft and we will get more life out of the turf tires. These will be ordered and put on shortly as the current tires are bald.
 - v. **Tractor operators**
 1. Tractor operator payscale: Long and Marty recused themselves from the discussion. All operators are now being paid \$15.00 an hour. County pays \$26-\$29 plus benefits for their drivers. We would recommend that the board would increase the current drivers to \$18.50 an hour. The last time this rate was increased over 15 years ago. New drivers would start out at \$15.00 an hour for the first 40 hours. Their

work would be reviewed by the committee. This payscale should be reviewed yearly.

- vi. Mower maintenance: has been repaired, welded metal on to the deck as it is starting to show its age.
- vii. Sweeping of roads: will be done shortly
- viii. Gravel maintenance issues associated with 41st St. and 30th St. (proposals/solutions): 30th: It would be beneficial to the town to turn the last 150 ft of 30th into a private drive. 41st is a quandry because of the owner has staked his property and we have been maintaining the road for many, many years. We need to be able to turn around in that yard. We will continue to look into this and past records.

7. Road Inspection and results

- a. Review of results for potholing, gravel shouldering and other maintenance needs and timeframe for work orders and completion of such: Work orders are going to be processed on potholing and sweeping by the Town chair. We recommend trying Monarch summer mix from Amery for our potholing mix and see how it performs. Have a few big ones to dig out.
- 8. Review of bills and expenditures for February and March 2017: All are ok.
 - 9. Review of budget year to date and comparison with previous years: discussion of issues regarding the budget.

PUBLIC COMMENT –Opportunity for comments on subjects not on the agenda when recognized by the presiding officer. Steve Bohl commented on gave blueprints out for a pole shed

Items for Town Board Agenda: see 1, 2 6v., and 7a

Items for next Public Works Committee Agenda: Paser ratings, to oversee the first sweeping of the sealcoating. Change the weight on our weight restriction signs. Class”B” weight restrictions, replacement of tractor, next major road project

Date for the next Public Works Committee: Tuesday, May 2nd at 6:00PM

Adjournment: Motion to adjourn Long/ Simpson passed at 8:35PM