

MINUTES OF VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

May 18, 2020

The meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Slinger was called to order by President Brandt at the Slinger Municipal Building located at 300 Slinger Road, Slinger, WI, at 6:00pm on Monday, May 18, 2020 in accordance with the notice of meeting delivered to the members on Friday, May 15, 2020.

1. Roll Call:

Present: Russell Brandt, President, Jeff Behrend, Lee Fredericks, Rick Kohl, and Dean Otte; Marlyss Thiel arrived at 7:05pm

Absent:

Rick Gundrum

Also Present: Village Administrator Margaret Wilber, Village Engineer Jim Haggerty, Police Chief Dean Schmidt, Village Treasurer Valerie Knetzger, Parks & Forestry Director Tony Dobson, Village Deputy Clerk Dawn Smith and Parks, PW & Forestry Superintendent Jon Flasch

President Brandt informed the members present that the open meeting law had been complied with in connection with the meeting. Notice of the meeting was sent to all who requested same and posted in three public locations.

2. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Minutes from 05-04-2020

B. Vouchers – May 18, 2020 Voucher Report

C. Committee Reports: Building Inspector's Report April 2020, April 2020 PPWF Report, April 2020 Police Report

Motion Kohl/Behrend to approve the Village Board minutes of 5-4-2020, pre-authorized checks #51215-51286 in the amount of \$326,904.73; and payroll checks #200515001-200515067 in the amount of \$54,736.78; Passed.

Administrator Wilber asked Chief Schmidt about his Police Report and the amount of drug related incidents. Chief Schmidt stated that while many other communities seem to be dealing with disorderly conduct/domestic violence calls the Village has definitely had an increase in drug related activity since the start of the COVID19.

3. Public Comments and Appearances & Action Thereon:

A. Pre-Sale Report for General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020A

Administrator Wilber introduced Phil Cosson from Ehlers to present the pre-sale report and asked the Board to consider changing the order of the agenda so the related resolutions could be reviewed at the same time.

Motion Otte/Fredericks to waive the order of the agenda and to discuss the Resolutions listed as items 5.B. 2-5 after Mr. Cosson's presentation; Passed.

Mr. Cosson stated that many sales were to happen in March and April, but with the market changing daily due to COVID19 sales have been put off until now. He explained that the agenda amount is \$2,590,000, however, the actual bond amount will be \$2,290,000. He stated that the highest amount proposed should be reflected on the agenda, but a lesser amount can always be approved. He explained the funding would be for the Hartford Road project, sanitary sewage reconstruction project and Fireman's Park splash pad project. He stated that the bonds would be issued for a term of 20 years and interest would be payable every six months beginning March 1, 2021 through 2040 and the 20-year term should cover the anticipated life of all items.

He also explained that because many municipalities have meetings on Monday or Tuesdays and with the uncertainty of the market, he is recommending the actual sale of the bonds take place on another day of the week, a non-board meeting date such as a Thursday, to have more flexibility. He stated the Village Board would need to give authorization so either the Village Administrator or Village President could sign as needed for these bonds and June 10th would be the anticipated date of the sale and would close by July 9th with funds available to the Village at that time.

Discussion took place on the amount financed and the Board agreed on the \$2,290,000 as presented and to allow the Village President and/or Village Administrator to be authorized to accept the bid on behalf of the Village Board.

5. New Business & Action Thereon:

B. Resolutions:

2. Resolution 05-05-2020 – Initial Resolution Authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$1,565,000 for Street Improvement Projects.

Motion Otte/Kohl to approve Resolution 05-05-2020; Passed.

3. Resolution 05-06-2020 – Initial resolution authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$105,000 for Sewerage Projects.

Motion Otte/Behrend to approve Resolution 05-06-2020 as presented with a correction to state "sanitary sewerage" not "stormwater"; Passed.

4. Resolution 05-07-2019 – Initial resolution authorizing General Obligation Bonds in an amount not to exceed \$620,000 for Parks and Public grounds Projects.

Motion Fredericks/Kohl to approve Resolution 05-07-2020; Passed.

5. Resolution 05-08-2020 – Resolution Establishing Parameters for the Sale of Note to Exceed \$2,290,000 General Obligation Corporate Purpose Bonds, Series 2020A.

Motion Behrend/Otte to approve Resolution 05-08-2020 with a correction to the second paragraph of Section 19 & Section 21 changing the wording of “President and Village Clerk” to the “President and/or Village Administrator”; Passed.

4. Unfinished Business & Action Thereon:

A. Washington County Blueprint to Reopen and Village Guidelines

Administrator Wilber stated that Washington/Ozaukee Public Health Department has put out some guidelines for opening Washington County and she stated that Village staff, particularly the Parks, Recreation & Forestry Department, would like more direction from the Board on how to adopt guidelines these to meet Village needs and programs. She noted that Director Dobson was at tonight’s meeting as well as Mike Daniels, the Athletic Director for Slinger High School to discuss the Village’s plan.

Director Dobson stated that his questions relate specifically to Little League. He provided the Board with a flyer put together by Hartford Recreation, Richfield Youth Baseball & Softball, Jackson Baseball and Softball and Slinger Parks and Recreation. He stated that they worked hard to put these guidelines together and wanted to know how the Board felt about the guidelines and if they had any additional concerns about starting the Little League season on July 1st. Director Dobson stressed the importance that The Village and the neighboring communities be on the same page and follow the same guidelines.

Discussion was held on social distancing, game protocol, cleaning of equipment, the beer garden/concessions, the need for additional waivers, tournaments, restrooms, and signage. Director Dobson explained some of the things they plan to do include: removing the bleachers and ask people to bring their own chairs, follow social distancing, have sanitizers available in all bat bags and by concessions, clean the dugouts, picnic tables and playgrounds equipment often, limit the dugout to 3 people and suggest that if possible players use only their bats and helmets. He discussed other measures that will be taken to ensure safe practices are followed.

Athletic Director Daniels stated he is here tonight to help support the recreation department in their needs. He stated that recreation programs have been approved to take place on school grounds/fields.

Trustee Fredericks stated he appreciated all the time and effort by staff in considering all these matters and the Board stated they were supportive of opening June 1st with the precautions mentioned, including having no tournaments at this time.

Director Dobson stated he would proceed with getting the parks up and running.

5. New Business and Action Thereon:

A. John Deere 1570 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower

Superintendent Flasch explained the need to replace the 2013 John Deere 1445 with a new utility machine. He stated that staff had tested several machines and felt that the John Deere 1570 mower with additional horsepower and attachments would best fit the Village’s needs. Discussion was

held on the trade-in value of the old machine versus trying to sell it out right or putting it up for auction.

Superintendent Flasch explained that the option presented is less expensive than the amount projected in the 2020 Capital Budget. He stated with the remaining funds, staff is recommending the purchase of a new staff vehicle to replace the 2000 Chevy Cavalier. Superintendent Flasch stated he could bring back a proposal for the new vehicle at a future meeting.

Motion Fredericks/Otte to approve the purchase of the John Deere 1570 Terrain Cut Commercial Front Mower with attachments as presented for \$48,798.25 and to put the 2013 John Deere 1145 on the auction site for about 2 weeks to see if it could be sold outright rather than be traded in, and to authorize staff to begin looking into a new staff vehicle; Passed.

B. Resolutions:

1. Resolution 05-04-2020- Farmstead Creek Highlands Disbursement Authorization 05-18-2020

Treasurer Knetzger presented Resolution 05-04-2020.

Motion Theil/Fredericks to approve Resolution 05-04-2020; Passed.

C. License and Permits - None

D. Review and Action

1. Hartford Road Reconstruction request for additional sanitary sewer work

Village Engineer Haggerty stated Heartland Construction began work on the Hartford Rd. Reconstruction project with the construction of approximately 500 feet of sanitary sewer within the Schulteis property and James St. It was noted that the sanitary sewer relay is part of a scheduled replacement of nearly 1,200 feet of vitrified clay sanitary sewer that dates back to the 1940's.

Engineer Haggerty stated that he was surprised at the volume of clear water entering the downstream sanitary sewers through the existing vitrified clay sanitary sewer. Further, Heartland Construction needed to lower the existing groundwater in the area of the work to allow for the installation of the 10-foot deep pipes. Heartland initially needed to pump groundwater at a rate of 1,000,000 gallons per day and needed a sustained pumping rate of around 750,000 gallons per day to allow for the new sewer pipes to be installed on a dry, stable base. Engineer Haggerty noted that incoming flow at the wastewater treatment facility decreased by nearly 250,000 gallons per day when Heartland was pumping the groundwater. Flow at the plant immediately increased by 33,000 gallons per day once the pumping stopped. The cost to treat this groundwater is paid by the Village and ranges from \$110,000 per year to \$850,000 per year.

As a result, Engineer Haggerty requested Village Board authorization to increase the proposed sanitary sewer work on the project by adding an additional 830 feet of sanitary sewer main to replace 700 feet of clay sewer pipe. The new mains would be located within James Street while the old vitrified clay mains are located in easements between existing buildings. Engineer Haggerty stated that the proposed work would cost less than \$300,000 and should be offset by the

reduced pumping and chemical addition needed to treat the groundwater at the wastewater treatment facility. Using the anticipated reduction to treatment costs, the additional work should be paid back between 4 months to less than 3 years.

Haggerty explained that the project contract allows the owner to alter the amount of work under the contract and State laws allow an increase in a contract amount not to exceed 15% of the original low bid. Engineer Haggerty noted that this increase would be within the amount allowed. He also stated that Heartland Construction was the sole bidder on the project.

Discussion took place on the deterioration of the existing sanitary sewer mains, the volume of clear water currently being treated at the wastewater treatment facility and if the costs to treat this water would be realized as an actual savings to the Village and the benefits of the new sanitary sewer mains within James Street.

Motion Otte/Fredericks to approve an additional amount to the Hartford Road Reconstruction in an amount not to exceed \$300,000 for the additional sanitary sewer and road work along James Street; Passed.

6. Ordinance

A. Ordinance 05-01-2020 – An Ordinance amending Section 550.28B. Conditional Uses in the B-1 Commercial District of the Village Zoning Ordinance of the Village of Slinger, Washington County, WI

President Brandt stated this item was reviewed by the Planning Commission and they were in favor of it.

Motion Otte/Thiel to waive the three readings and approve Ordinance 05-01-2020 as presented; Motion passed.

7. Communications and Possible Action Thereon: None

8. Staff Reports and Action Thereon: None

9. Adjourn

Motion Behrend/Fredericks to adjourn at 7:27 p.m.; Passed.

Approved by:

Russell Brandt, President

Drafted by: Dawn Smith, Village Deputy Clerk