

COMMITTEE REPORT

COMMITTEE: Public Works
CHAIRPERSON: Jody Carroll
DATE/TIME: June 23, 2008 7:00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Berlage
 Carroll

Jackson
 Kent

Lorig
 Schultz

Others: Steve Keeffer, Dan Reimer

MINUTES

1. Citizen's Comments

None

2. Minutes

Mike Lorig made a motion to approve the May 20th meeting minutes, Alan Kent seconded, and the motion carried.

3. Highway Department

a. Project Schedule Update.

The committee reviewed a list of current projects, and discussed their progress and status.

b. Proposed Elizabeth Storage Building.

The proposed storage building was discussed. Steve Keeffer informed the committee that cost estimates exceed the money that is available from the budget. The committee was also informed that there will be a \$60,000 to \$80,000 overrun in the fuel line item that will have to be compensated in some way. Conversations with Jo-Carroll about a possible shared entrance/road on Highway Department property were discussed as well. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to ask Jo-Carroll if they were interested in purchasing the Highway Department property. Steve Keeffer is also to work with Dan Reimer about options for financing the building project and fuel cost overrun.

c. Pickup Truck Purchase.

The committee reviewed bids received for a new full size four wheel drive pickup truck. The low bid was from Bocker Auto Group of Freeport on a 2008 Chevy Silverado at a price of \$19,547. Alan Kent made a motion to award the bid to Bocker, Mike Lorig seconded, and the motion carried.

d. Willow Road Truck Access Route Program Resolution.

The committee was presented with information regarding the proposed Willow Road truck access route (80,000 pound route). The first item that was discussed was a resolution to raise the weight limit on Willow Road once the work is complete. The passage of this resolution is a requirement to receive additional funding from the state. Alan Kent made a motion to approve the resolution, Mike Lorig seconded, and the motion carried.

e. Willow Road Federal Participation Agreement.

The other item concerning Willow Road is the federal participation agreement. This agreement is necessary to utilize federal funds for the project. The agreement outlines the funding amounts from federal, state, and local sources. Merri Berlage made a motion to approve the agreement, Mike Lorig seconded, and the motion carried.

f. Galena Ambulance Fuel Purchase Request.

The committee considered a request from the Galena Ambulance Service to purchase fuel from the County Highway Department at the Elizabeth pumps. A keyed pump system was installed in Elizabeth a few years ago to allow several entities to purchase fuel from the county. These entities paid for the cost of installing the keyed pump system. Steve Keeffer suggested that if additional entities were added, they too should contribute to the cost of the pump. After some discussion, there was concern about adding additional users mid year, and whether the additional fuel use could affect the current bid. The committee instructed Steve Keeffer to contact the Galena Ambulance Service and inform them that their request will be considered when the new fuel contracts are bid, and to encourage them to talk to the City of Galena to see if they can find a closer source of fuel.

g. New Full Time Employee.

Steve Keeffer informed the committee that he was planning on filling the vacant full time maintenance worker position by the end of the week.

4. Noxious Weeds

a. Weed Commissioner.

The committee was informed that Cory Ritterbusch has agreed to continue to be the county weed commissioner under the same conditions as last year.

5. Other Business

None

6. Citizen's Comments

None

7. Board Member Concerns

There were several additional items discussed: mowing operations being behind schedule, an update on the Traditions Dairy project and what can be done to Mahoney Road, recent flooding on Bethel Road and what can be done to mitigate future flooding, and township highway commissioners.

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 P.M.