

**North Hudson Public Works Meeting
Village Hall 400 7th Street N
Friday, December 27, 2019 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Pike called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Answering the call were Trustees Head and Matz. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos and Recording Secretary Anne-Marie McDonald.

Minutes approval from November 19, 2019 Public Works Meeting

Motion (Matz/Head) to approve the November 19, 2019 Public Works meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Comments from the floor

Daniel Schwandt of McCoy Construction & Forestry was on hand to answer any questions the committee may have regarding McCoy's bid for a John Deere loader.

Review of bid results for Public Works loader purchase

Pike explained that sealed bids were requested for a new loader for the Public Works Department, and the deadline was 4:00 pm December 27, 2019. The bids were reviewed by Pike, Moos, and Village Administrator Melissa Luedke. Pike and Moos presented a list of the bids.

Pike explained he likes to have a 10% cushion between the bid price and the actual cost of a purchase; the cushion for this purchase is less than 10%. Matz asked Moos if he was able to drive all the models; Pike said he was able to drive all but the Liebherr model.

Head commended Moos for the research done with other municipalities regarding the usefulness of a loader for snow removal work. Head asked Moos what was his motivation to purchase a loader. Moos explained that the Public Works department pickup trucks are taking a lot of abuse with the additional snow removal work being done with them, and he doesn't want to have to replace three pickup trucks and snow plows at one time due to wear and tear. The loader is made for this type of work. In addition, there is a safety issue, in that the truck driver can have poor visibility when snow is blowing over the blade and the windshield gets covered. He said that all loader models include a backup camera. In addition to the safety factors, Head noted Moos' estimated gasoline and time savings when using the loader versus other department vehicles. Moos explained that the loader will work better for salt loading and storage, and can help with tree removal activities and snow removal. Moos feels it will be utilized more as they identify more uses for it. The loader can be used as a backup in case the Mack snow plow truck breaks down, otherwise, the village would have to utilize contract snow removal. Moos and Pike talked about additional attachments which could be purchased in the future.

Motion (Matz/Head) to recommend purchase of Case model 521G Loader from Miller-Bradford & Risberg, with cost not to exceed \$160,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-0. Head – Yes, Matz – Yes, Pike – Yes.

Chair Update

Have a happy and safe New Year.

Engineer's Report

The village engineer was not present at the meeting.

Director's Report

Moos announced that a new Public Works Department employee is scheduled to start January 8, 2020.

Public Works Capital/Equipment Planning

Nothing to discuss at this time.

Public Works Committee Future Goals/Agenda Items

Mallalieu Apartments utility easement request.

Adjournment

Pike adjourned the meeting at 5:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Anne-Marie McDonald
Recording Secretary