

**North Hudson Public Works Meeting
Village Hall 400 7th Street North
Tuesday, April 17, 2018 @ 5:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: roll call

Chair Pike called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Answering the call were Trustees Matz and Zais. A quorum was present and the meeting was duly noticed. Also in attendance were Public Works Director Patrick Moos, Village Engineer Kevin Oium, and Recording Secretary Lois Zezza.

Minutes approval from March 20, 2018 Public Works Meeting

Motion (Zais/Matz) to approve the March 20, 2018 Public Works meeting minutes. Motion carried.

Confined Space Policy

Public Works Director Moos reviewed background and current information on this issue. Currently the Village has a “no enter” policy for confined spaces. The old policy and the current policy have been given to Ex Environmental for review to see if the current policy can be updated or if a new policy needs to be drafted. Public Works employees have had confined space training and have a working gas monitor. All that is needed is the tri-pod and retrieval equipment which is about \$3,500. Having this equipment will eliminate the need to contract outside vendors if the need arises. Until these items can be budgeted, the Village can rent/borrow this equipment from Hudson Utilities or Ex Environmental. Moos is also looking into a “one-size fits all” harness (around \$200). Moos will bring information regarding the policy from Ex Environmental to the committee once it is received. Even after the lift upgrade, there is still a need every five years for valve exercising (or more often) so having this equipment would save money in the long run.

Chair Pike said he and Moos have talked about creating a spreadsheet schedule for maintenance records. This would help keep all maintenance projects on a regular rotational cycle (i.e., fire hydrant painting/flushing, etc.).

Street Maintenance

Hot patching, seal coating and crack filling of Village streets was discussed.

Hot Patching - A proposal was received from Fahrner Asphalt Sealers for \$14,490. Last year the Village spent \$15,000 on spray patching with St. Croix County Highway Dept. It has held up well. Comparing hot patching and spray patching is almost impossible because they are two very different types of patching. Town of Hudson and River Falls does most of their road maintenance with St. Croix County. They indicated they are the most reasonable for the money. Also, spray patching allows for sealing up around manholes and gate valves and to seal cracks along streets where asphalt meets concrete. **Motion (Zais/Matz) to recommend approval for St. Croix County to handle the spray patching of Village streets at a cost not to exceed \$20,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-0. Matz-yes, Zais-yes, Pike-yes.**

Seal Coating – Bids were received from Scott Construction, Inc. (\$33,391), Fahrner Asphalt (\$26,710), and Allied Blacktop (\$23,128.92). Moos also did some estimating to have St. Croix County do the seal coating (roughly \$26,000). One advantage to having them do street maintenance is that the Village gets

to keep the chips that are used in the seal coating process to be used again next year. **Motion (Zais/Matz) to recommend approval for St. Croix County to handle the seal coating of Village streets at a cost not to exceed \$30,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-0. Zais-yes, Matz-yes, Pike-yes.**

Crack Filling – Bids were received from Fahrner Asphalt (\$33,376.31) and Scott Construction, Inc. (\$25,000 – polyfiber crack fill). Moos also did some estimating to have St. Croix County do the crack filling (roughly \$24,000). One advantage to having them do this is they do not do any routing of cracks – they just fill what is wide enough, thus keeping the price down as it is not as labor intensive. **Motion (Zais/Matz) to recommend approval for St. Croix County to handle the crack filling of Village streets at a cost not to exceed \$25,000. Motion passed on a roll call vote of 3-0. Matz-yes, Zais-yes, Pike-yes.**

Chair Update

Pike gave a welcome and congratulations to newly elected member Philip Matz.

Engineer's Report

We have had an official request to do a 2-year extension on the Wisconsin St North project, because of the Hwy 35 project. This would put it out to June 30, 2024.

Kwik Trip and a residential development is looking to have their site plan submittal for the May Plan Commission meeting.

The pumps for the Cedar Lift Station have been ordered and the tentative ship date is the first week in July. To help during this waiting period for the breakdown problems, there are some adjustments that can be done to the motors. Also, informational materials could be sent out or delivered door to door to educate the residents about the problem that the wipes are causing. There is also a manual basket system that can alleviate some of the clogging problems until the lift station is replaced. Moos will also investigate a contract for preventative pumping for a lesser price.

Director's Report

Moos reported that his staff is “snow-tired”.

Public Works Capital/Equipment Planning

Moos asked to have a laptop purchased for his department.

Public Works Committee Future Goals

Chairman Pike asked to have this on the agenda as a way to have discussions about items coming up relative to budgets so that there aren't any surprises down the road. The plan would be to discuss it, plan it, figure out costs and then put the items on the budget.

Future Agenda Items

Pike suggested adding this to the previous agenda item. No items for this time.

Adjournment

Pike adjourned the meeting at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lois Zezza
Recording Secretary