

MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 14, 2019

MSD OFFICE, 43 West Bow Street, Franklin, NH

Scott called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

Members Present: Councilor Clarenbach (Chair); Councilor Starkweather; Councilor Trudel; Councilor Desrochers; Councilor Dzujna; Janet Desrochers; Bob Gilbreth; City Manager Milner; Director Sullivan.

Item # 1 – Review of the proposed “New Hampton Rd Water Main Replacement Project”

Brian Sullivan stated that the water main line coming from Sanbornton Well Field is in bad shape. It ages back to 1942-1943. Brian showed a section of the old pipe that was recently replaced. The grant we are looking to get will pay ½ of the replacement cost of New Hampton Road surface. Scott mentioned that the utilization of water use keeps going down, which is a challenge regarding debt per customer. He stated that eventually, the City will not be able to maintain certain areas of pipe, depending on footage amount of pipe and number of customers on those certain areas. Bob asked what percentage of water comes from Sanbornton. Brian answered 35%. We rotate the wells for usage. Brian stated that he will go before Council for a rate increase to do this project and to give a plan for the next five years or so of repairs needed, so people will have an idea of what is to come. Bob made a motion that Brian go before Council to lay out this plan. Paul seconded. Motion carried.

Item # 2 – Pre-authorization for Proprietary Vendors FY20 and FY21

Scott commented that Brian should just commit to one year at a time due to the changes that will happen to the Council. The companies that are involved in this are: E.J. Prescott, Barrie Miller, Northeast Integration and Roberts Filters. Paul made a motion to ask for authorization from the Council to award jobs to these companies without competitive bidding, when convenient and to the City's advantage. Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Item # 3 – Highway Resurfacing Status

Problem areas are: Central Street (from intersection of North and South Main Street to Peabody Place); Prospect Street; Auburn Street and Winnepesaukee Street area. Brian stated that it would cost \$11,000 to grind Prospect Street (from Central Street to Poplar Street) and \$50,000 for asphalt.

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Item # 4 – Other

- a. Bob asked about sidewalk repairs. Brian stated that it would cost \$50,000 per year for 10 years to fix all sidewalks. Scott mentioned that the Supreme Court is cracking down on wheelchair access on sidewalks, so this is a big concern.
- b. Paul asked who is responsible for the barricade at the end of Terrace Road. Judie answered that the City had placed a rock and some logs to block this area off. Judie has also informed the Police Department that speeding is an issue on Terrace Road.
- c. Janet mentioned that the grass at City properties (that we have taken for taxes) is not very well maintained, which is not a good example for the public. Brian stated that most of this is due to the fact that there are only two employees in the B&G department.
- d. Brian mentioned that Brian Barry is retiring and the City is having a potluck lunch on Wednesday, June 26, 2019 at City Hall. Everyone is invited. Brian stated that MSD has hired Justin Hanscom to fill this position.
- e. Bob asked about the backhoe work being done on River Street. Brian stated that owners have two years to rebuild to the same specs.
- f. Ted asked if solar panels could be put on the old Landfill on River Street. Judie answered that for numerous reasons, this is not viable.
- g. Brian suggested that he go before Council in 6-8 months to have a Public Workshop in order to go over the following items: Water, Sewer, Solid Waste, Building & Grounds, Highways, Mechanical. Bob stated that it probably would not be well attended. Paul stated that at least he would be trying and the word would be gotten out there. Judie thinks it is a good idea.

Paul made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m. Bob seconded. Motion was carried.