

WORK SESSION #6/2012 WORK SESSION SYNOPSIS MARCH 26, 2012

PRESENT: Harry Milligan, Supervisor
William Weber, Councilman
Mary Riddoch, Councilwoman

OTHERS PRESENT: Jennifer Strong, Town Attorney
Andy Sojka, Parks Superintendent
Chris Snyder, CEO
Michael Metzger, Town Engineer
Tom Malecki, Drescher & Malecki LLP
Colleen Rogers, Supervisor's Assistant
Carl Fix, Highway Superintendent

RECORDING SECRETARY: Ralph Witt, Town Clerk/Barbara Ertel, DTC

1. BUDGET:

Tom Malecki of Drescher & Malecki, LLP gave an overview and summary of his firm's audit of the town's finances for the year 2011. He affirmed that our financial statements in all material respects ended the year in conformity with accepted accounting principles. He presented the Board with several pages of financial statement highlights.

Keith Sitzman appeared before the Board to discuss the village easement across town property. Attorney Strong informed all that the easement needs to be approved by the New York State Legislature.

2. WATER LINES:

Mike Metzger provided the Board with information about giving our water lines to Erie County water after dissolving Water Districts 2, 3 and 4. Tom Malecki passed out five pages of statistics about five different cost options (based on last years' levee). Mike will come back with a summary sheet.

3. REFUSE CONTRACT:

Mike Metzger led discussion on advantage/disadvantage of bidding out both collection and disposal of refuse together or separately. He had a discussion with Joe Hickman of Modern, clarifying his offer of holding a note on the recycling containers (wheeled carts). Modern would supply us with the carts at no cost and thru the savings that Modern would realize (from more recycling and less disposal), they could justify the cost and leave the contract sums as they are. Might have to lock in for three years. After three years, the carts would be paid and pricing would be the same for hauling. Colleen spoke of the "open deadline grant"/ pre-application, to buy the containers and get reimbursed (2 – 3 year waiting list). Discussion on whether the price would then come down after the three years. Suggestion by Councilman Weber to check with Town of Wilson. He sees problems with these recycling carts in rural areas/older residents. Wilson has been doing this for a few months. Supervisor Milligan will try to get to Cheektowaga meeting this Thursday to see how this is presented. Mike Metzger requested further discussion in Executive Session as this deals with contract negotiations. Colleen reminded that last year the bid went out on May 6th.

4. TWO (2) NEW PICK-UP TRUCKS:

Carl Fix presented information - Truck #1 needs a lift gate. No one could beat Van Bortel Ford and Van Bortel is on state bid. Truck #2 needs a plow. (discussion on necessity of a plow). Holsten Chevy had lowest price, and is on state bid. Both will be budgeted in *equipment*. Advised that we need state bid numbers. Discussion on whether or not one of the used trucks being replaced could be passed down to Parks Dept. Need two resolutions for the new trucks.

Carl questioned if we can look at electrical upgrade at the highway department and/or the Troopers Station. Discussion of just what is needed. Troopers also need more room for lockers. Decided to hold off on electrical work.

5. BERGMANN AGREEMENT:

Mary Riddoch explained that the \$1500. extra is for helping out with the Army Corps to expedite process – feels it is justified. Money will be coming from the grant and bond.

6. DUMP BOX:

Tabled indefinitely by Andy Sojka.

7. SHELTER AGREEMENT:

Attorney Strong has been advised that Village has approved agreement having to do with disaster preparedness. Will need town resolution in near future.

Parks Super. Andy Sojka reported that the Lions Club is donating 12 trees to the town which will be planted in both parks very soon; was working on a list of park grants and reported on the new lights and final grading being done in park.

Town Clerk Ralph Witt reported on phone call received today inquiring if BlackWater Baths were still around.

Mary Riddoch inquired about looking at Zoladz bid – low bid for trail. Chris Snyder will do weekly inspections and document once work starts.

Supervisor Milligan asked for an Executive Session to discuss refuse contract.

Meeting Over: 8:54 PM