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Town of Onalaska
Special Town Board Meeting
September 29, 2017

The Town Board meeting was called to order by Chairman Rolly Bogert at 8:15 a.m. at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present were Chairman Rolly Bogert, Frank Fogel, Sandy Thompson, Stan Hauser and Jerry Monti. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Chairman Bogert gave a recap of the July storm repairs that have been completed, as well as those still waiting completion. Bogert presented quotes from McHugh for repairs of:

Skoug Road repairs at cost of \$11,200 to include culver, matting riprap, and roadway.

Johnson Coulee Road, near the end when the creek has eroded up to roadway, as well as a second spot on the same road, the repairs include riprap, fill, matting the project proposal for Johnson Coulee Road is \$9,142. Cost also includes permits as necessary.

Severson Road has three places where the creek has eroded to the roadway creating an approximately 20 foot drop to the creek. The McHugh proposal for repairs is \$13,782 including permits, fill, rip rap, matting, and stabilization of the embankment where needed. Cost also includes permits as necessary.

Chairman Bogert indicated that more proposals are pending for Park Drive and Shilling Road. Bogert also indicated that the costs of the repairs as listed would be shared between the Town and the Storm Water Utility.

Discussion on budget amendment to cover equipment repair cost: Point of discussion included that the proposal has the funds coming from within the budget and not from fund balance. We have bills in house, valves needed that are \$4850 that are needed; we may need a plow blade edge before the end of the year. Motion by Supervisor Thompson; seconded by Supervisor Hauser to approve the resolution of budget amendment as proposed increasing vehicle maintenance by \$10,000 ; decreasing general legal by \$6,000; decreasing incorporation by \$3,000; and decreasing health and human services by \$1,000. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on replacement of hydraulic control valve, hoses and incidental part as necessary to complete repairs: Cost estimate of the valve and hoses is \$4850. Supervisor Fogel indicated he and Supervisor Hauser inspected the equipment and found worn hoses with ends laid in the ground uncovered. He is concerned with the maintenance being done on the equipment. It there was salt sand left in the box and this has caused rusting. Supervisor Thompson brought forth a concern that a walking quorum may have taken place since she believes 3 board members (Fogel, Hauser and Bogert) have been involved in this concern outside of a board meeting and know the board has to make a decision on this. She believed that 3 of the board members have been in discussion on this issue. Supervisor Hauser said he and Supervisor Fogel went down to the shop separately from Chairman Bogert. Bogert said they have all been at the shop at different times; have seen the same thing; but have not discussed it.

Additional plow truck condition and potential needs were sited. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to approve the replacement of the hydraulic control valve, hoses and incidental parts as necessary to complete the needed repair. Motion passed 4-0 (Thompson abstained). Supervisor Thompson requested the record to reflect that she abstained due being uncomfortable with previous discussion.

Discussion on crew member merit pay adjustment: Chairman Bogert opened discussion by recommending the Hank Fogel be given a merit pay raise. He was hired under the understanding he would be doing manual work and has been doing mechanic work instead. Supervisor Thompson had concerns of giving a pay raise at this time without doing a review. She had no concerns of whether she deserves it but has concern because Hank is the son of a board member. Chairman Bogert said by the agreement in place he has the ability to grant the merit pay increase. Current pay rate is \$17.00 per hour, proposed is to move Hank to \$19.00 per hour. Hauser indicated he believes Hank is doing the mechanic work. Motion by Supervisor Hauser; seconded by Supervisor Monti to take Hank from \$17.00 per hour to \$19.00 per hour based on the work he is performing to begin at the beginning of the next pay period. Motion passes 3-0 (Thompson), Fogel abstained.

Motion by Supervisor Monti; seconded by Supervisor Fogel to adjourn passed unanimously at 8:53 am.

Submitted by Mary Rinehart: Town Clerk