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Town of Onalaska
Storm Water Utility District Meeting
February 6, 2018

The Storm Water Utility District Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rolly Bogert at 7:00 pm at the Town of Onalaska Town Hall, N5589 Commerce Road, Onalaska, WI. Members present: Rolly Bogert, Dale Shefelbine, Stan Hauser and Dan Hanson. Marc Schultz was excused. Town Clerk, Mary Rinehart was also present.

Hauser made a motion to approve the agenda; Hanson seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Hanson; seconded by Shefelbine to approve the minutes of the January 2, 2018 meeting with any necessary corrections. Motion passed unanimously.

Approve the bills and finance book: Motion by Hauser; seconded by Shefelbine to approve the bills and finance book including Resolution 2018-01-06SW. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment: None

Discussion on MS4 requirements and timeline for updates: Time line for updates from General Engineering was reviewed. General Engineering to continue to work on needed updates.

Discussion on Lawrence Place drainage issues including but not limited to water pooling at cul-de-sac: Motion to open the floor by Hauser; seconded by Hanson passed unanimously. Jarod Benson W6643 Lawrence Place brought forth concerns regarding the water limiting access to his property, damage to the street creating large potholes, ice formation with jagged edges. Bensen questioned having a French drain installed. Motion to close the floor by Hauser; seconded by Shefelbine passed unanimously. Bogert advised has spoken with General Engineering and will request Lukasz Lyzwa to attend the March meeting to address the utility. No action.

Discussion on purchase of culvert-jetter-pressure washer combination: Bogert presented specifications for a Hot Jet unit. Unit has a 660 gallon capacity tank, a heater unit, and 4000 PSI pressure with 59hp motor. Cost of this unit is between \$60,000 and \$70,000. Bogert suggested a possible split between Storm Water and the Town on the purchase with the Town paying approximately 25%. Hauser voiced concerns this has not been budgeted for and an RFD should be made. Shefelbine questioned the availability of a demonstration unit. Hauser will draw up a Request For Proposal (RFP) based on the specifications discussed and will investigate and proceed with publication of the RFP.

Discussion on culvert at W4958 Sweden Coulee Road: Motion to open the floor by Hauser; seconded by Hanson passed unanimously. Al Harris and Chris Helgerson both Sweden coulee residents addressed the utility board with concerns of the culvert access to the barn at W4914. This culvert blocks water flow causing water to backup into the W4958 property. Motion to close the floor by Hauser; seconded by Hanson passed unanimously. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Hanson to have McHugh Excavating measure the grade of the ditches and culvert, then submit a proposal for repair. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on proposal for culvert location and grading throughout the entire Town: Motion by Bogert to hire a part-time storm water employee to work with a metal detector and culvert car with camera to locate and grade all culverts for the entire town. Hanson seconded the motion. In discussion Hanson questioned what background would be necessary for a candidate. Hauser and Shefelbine questioned cost effectiveness of hiring an individual part time over an approximately two year period vs. contracting an established firm specializing in this work. Bogert withdrew the motion. Hanson withdrew second. Motion by Hauser; seconded by Shefelbine to draw up specifications for the project, get recommendation from Scott Construction and/or Wisconsin Towns Association for identification of identify firms who do this type of work and have the firms give a presentation at a Storm Water meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion on clearing of filled-in ditches throughout the entire town: Motion to open the floor by Hauser; seconded by Shefelbine passed unanimously. Mary Rinehart, resident of Brice Prairie addressed issues of filled in ditches, blocked culverts and lack of drainage in several established neighborhoods citing Eric Avenue flooding and Lakeview Addition as examples on Brice Prairie, Sweden Coulee east of Holmen, culvert/drainage issues in Hidden Valley and Lawrence Place flooding as examples. Rinehart requested that areas of known problems be addressed and repaired before additional private property damage is incurred. Motion to close the floor by Hauser; seconded by Shefelbine passed unanimously. Motion by Shefelbine; seconded by Hauser to begin clearing known problem ditches and culverts throughout the town. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn by Shefelbine; seconded by Hauser passed unanimously at 8:39 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Rinehart, Town Clerk.