

Special Town Board Meeting
March 24th, 2022
4:00 pm

Present: Supervisor Gerald Deming, Council Members: Norman Gates, Amos Smith and Jason Swede

Absent: Frank Rose Jr.

Others: George Worden (Highway Supt).

Supervisor Deming opened the Special Town Board Meeting at 4:05 p.m.

PURPOSE:

Supervisor Deming stated that the purpose of the Special Town Board Meeting is to discuss two projects. The first is in regard to Retsof Sewer Improvements. Supervisor Deming stated that he was recently notified from Rural Development of an offer to the Town for \$1,321,000 loan at a rate of 1.250% for 38 years. The interest rates will be increasing on April 1st, so if the Town is wants to accept their offer, it needs to be approved before the deadline otherwise the rate goes to 1.50% .

Supervisor Deming added that some of the project will be paid with WIIA Grant funding (\$442,564.00).

****4:10 p.m.- Councilman Rose arrived at this time.**

Supervisor Deming expressed the need to proceed in the Retsof hamlet due to the sewer issues and stated that an informational meeting will take place to update the residents on what will be happening and outlining costs involved.

Mr. Worden commented that in all areas of the Retsof hamlet, Retsof Ave, Tenth Street and Evans Ave, a great deal of infiltration continues as well as other issues, so this project is necessary. Mr. Worden reviewed a few options with the Board.

Supervisor Deming stated that the total project cost is \$1,770,255 of which \$442,564 will be the NYS WIIA Grant and remainder of \$1,321,000 will be financed. The anticipated yearly debt service for Retsof customers would be roughly \$362.00. Sewer Districts 1 & 2 will not be affected.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose authorizing the Supervisor permission to proceed with the USDA Rural Development loan application before the April 1, 2022 deadline. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming then turned discussions to the Piffard water project, specifically in the areas of East Street, North Road and Center Street.

Mr. Deming stated that we experienced three major water breaks from the onset of this project. Mr. Worden commented that the first one occurred the day of the Town Board meeting and then two more last week. He added that all problem areas contained ductile iron which is not holding up well in town and in poor shape. Mr. Worden stated once we made the change to plastic pipe, we have had minimal or no issues.

Supervisor Deming told the Board when he was onsite in Piffard, the department was fixing one break when another took place. Mr. Deming spoke about the possibility of having the current contractor (Blue Heron) update the line as a change order (with the Town purchasing the pipe, \$70,000) but that figure would be around \$240,000. We had previously bid this area but the prices were higher than we wanted at the time with Blue Heron as low bidder at \$67,000, but unfortunately we have to move forward in some format.

Mr. Worden stated that he believes it would take the Town personnel three weeks to update the additional areas in need, with an estimated cost of \$140,000 for pipe, materials and our workforce.

Councilman Smith asked Mr. Worden what other projects he has scheduled for this early spring. Mr. Worden replied ditch work and crossovers but could be completed a bit later.

Councilman Smith inquired if we are able to utilize other towns to assist?

Mr. Worden answered that we can and he would contact Caledonia and Leicester to ask about their availability.

Mr. Worden gave an overview of the areas in Piffard and the proposed route of where the new main would be installed.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden how soon he would be able to start, which Mr. Worden replied as soon as we could obtain material.

Councilman Smith inquired as to how much pipe would be required. Mr. Worden answered roughly 2000 linear feet.

Supervisor Deming stated we could tap into our reserve or use some money from the ARPA funds.

Councilman Swede asked if there will be an issue with money going to one project over other projects?

Supervisor Deming answered there will be questions on how the Board utilizes funds but protecting our infrastructure is a priority. Mr. Deming added once again that with the COVID relief funds, once we spend our \$164,000, we are able to obtain an additional \$164,000.

Mr. Worden commented that we had a few discoloring complaints in Piffard recently but that issue was actually in Geneseo. Geneseo did some drilling, causing water quality issues here.

Supervisor also wanted to inform the Board of a letter we received from the Village of Geneseo notifying us of a rate increase that will take place in August.

Supervisor Deming asked Mr. Worden about plans for other roadwork this year. Mr. Worden gave a brief overview of his projects.

Councilman Rose asked if CHIPS money will be increased?

Mr. Worden replied it will be increased but we do not know the exact figure yet.

Supervisor Deming expressed if Mr. Worden and the town crews proceed with updating the lines on the three roads in Piffard, because it is a design change, we would have CPL bid out materials and asbuilt information, including preparation of easements in the amount of \$4,800.00.

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Rose and seconded by Mr. Swede authorizing CPL to prepare engineering for Center Street, North Road and East Street, to replace watermain, with Town personnel installing, at a cost of \$4,800.00. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Supervisor Deming stated that the Town Board needs to consider how to best utilize the solar funds for special projects.

Mr. Worden also commented that he is obtaining pricing for a loader. He reported that the current loader is a 1998 and is in need of new tires. He stated that we shouldn't put \$20,000 into tires when it may only be worth \$50,000.

Supervisor Deming said we have money set aside for a new truck and asked the Board if they want to use solar funds for it as well. We have to review our numbers more thoroughly in order to determine how to spend these funds going forward.

ADJOURNMENT:

RESOLUTION offered by Mr. Smith and seconded by Mr. Rose to adjourn the Special Town Board Meeting at 4:40 p.m. Voted on and approved, Yes-5, No-0.

Respectfully Submitted,
Christine Harris
Christine M. Harris, Clerk