

Amberley Village Council – Streets, Public Utilities, and Sewer Committee  
Minutes of March 8, 2016

In Attendance: R. Warren (Chair), R. Bardach (Member), T. Muething, E. Kamine, S. Lahrmer, T. Chesney, and W. Doering

Excused absence: E. Hattenbach (Member)

The meeting was brought to order.

The minutes from the Feb 9, 2016 meeting were distributed and accepted as submitted.

The agenda item related to the mowing contracts for the upcoming 2016 season.

The Village began contracting the mowing of the Amberley Green property in 2008, the Municipal Building and Village right of ways (ROW) in 2013, and the North Site property in 2015. The mowing contract(s) consists of not only mowing the grass but also picking up trash, weed-eating around electric poles, signs, bridge and culverts, guard rails, trees and all other obstacles.

The Village solicited quotes from several local contractors. Historically, receiving multiple quotes has resulted in favorable pricing for the Village. The Village received quotes from Fredericks Landscaping, EMES Lawn Care, and Grateful Growers for the 2016 Mowing Contract. In addition to pricing Village staff considers the contractor's ability to satisfactorily do the work. The quotes are for two areas of Village property including (a) the Amberley Green and (b) other Village owned properties and rights of way. See the attached 'Draft' of the quotes submitted.

With regard to the Green (includes the inner property, fairways and building, and bush hogging), the Village received quotes from EMES, who had adequately performed this task the past 2 seasons, and from Grateful Growers. The quote from EMES was \$29,000 and from Grateful Growers was \$24,900. The staff recommended we consider the quote from Grateful Growers.

With regard to the Village owned properties and ROW (e.g., the Northsite, Municipal Building and grounds, along Ridge Rd, Galbraith Rd., etc.), the Village received a quote from Fredericks Landscaping for the ROW and the Municipal grounds, and from Grateful Growers for both the Municipal Building and grounds and the ROW. Fredericks had satisfactorily mowed the ROW and grounds in the past, whereas Grateful Growers had no experience with ROW. The Fredericks quote also included landscaping the grounds. While Grateful Growers submitted a lower quote for the ROW, the staff felt their inexperience with traffic areas could pose a hazard and recommended we consider the quote from Fredericks for the ROW and Village grounds, and the quote from Grateful Growers for the municipal building.

Mr. Bardach moved and Mr. seconded, that the Village accept the quotes for mowing contracts and landscaping from Grateful Growers for the Amberley Green and the Municipal Building (quote of \$44,775), and from Fredericks the rights of way and Village

owned properties (quote of \$25,220). The motion carried 2-0.

There be no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ray Warren

## 2016 Mowing Proposal Comparisons

The Village advertised for bids for the 2016 mowing contracts. The Mowing was bid as a package but contains two separate contracts for the Amberley Green Property and for the Village Owned Properties and Right of Ways.

### Amberley Green

EMES Lawn Care and Greatful Growers bid on the Amberley Green mowing and their bids were similar to the 2015 contract. EMES mowed these areas in 2015.

The 2015 and 2016 per cut mowing cost comparisons:

<u>2015 EMES</u>	<u>2016 EMES</u>	<u>2016 Greatful Growers</u>
\$1350 for the inner grounds	\$1400 for the inner grounds	\$1250 for the inner grounds
\$145 for the front fairways and building area	\$175 for the front fairways and building area	\$150 for the front fairways and building area
\$800 for the bush hogging	\$850 for bush hogging	\$375 for the bush hogging

- Fredericks did not submit a bid for this work in 2016

The proposals are on a per cut basis price. In 2015 the inner property was mowed 16 times and the front fairways and building areas were mowed 28 times.

### Village Owned Properties and Right of Way

Fredericks Landscaping and Greatful Growers submitted bids for the Village owned properties and right of way mowing. Fredericks Landscaping mowed these areas in 2015. The North Site and Right-of-Way (ROW) pricing reflects the additional mowing at the North Site that was added in 2016.

The 2015 and 2016 per cut mowing cost comparisons:

	<u>Fredericks Landscaping</u>	<u>Greatful Growers</u>	
	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Municipal Building and Grounds	No bid <i>they mowed it</i>	\$300	\$300
Village owned properties and ROWs*	\$970	<del>\$850</del>	\$850

\* A difference of \$120 between bids

*Before awarding contracts to GG, it is to see how they perform this year before considering ROWS as AV.*

The proposals are on a per cut basis pricing and estimated 26 mowings. In 2015 the Municipal Building was mowed 27 times and the Village owned property and Right-Of-Ways were mowed 27 times.

Staff recommendation on awarding the mowing contracts (prices based on an average of 26 cuttings):

<u>Company</u>	<u>2016 bid</u>
Greatful Growers for the Amberley Green Property	\$36,775
Greatful Growers for the Municipal Building	\$8,800
Fredericks Landscaping for the Village owned properties and ROWs	\$25,220

- Fredericks Landscaping bid a price of \$6,721.56 to landscape the bed around the Municipal Buildings and ROWs.
  - No bid was received from EMES for landscaping in 2016
  - Bid from Greatful Growers for landscaping in 2016 was \$6,340 however this price does not include the cost of mulch (which Fredericks included)