

Amberley Village Council – Streets, Public Utilities, and Sewer Committee Minutes of Sep 5, 2017

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

The meeting was brought to order.

The minutes from the Aug 7, 2017 meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

The agenda items included (1) Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application for Farmcrest, (2) Waste Collection Bid Update, (3) Rock Salt, and (4) Public Works Mutual Aid Pact.

Prior to the start of the agenda items, Mr. Warren provided a followup on Street Lighting (Section/Elbrook) that was discussed at our last meeting. The Committee had asked Mr. Warren and Mr. Lahrmer to contact the homeowners at the intersection and inform them of the street lighting plans. Mr. Warren contacted Ms. Jennifer Trice (6940 Elbrook, NE corner), David Lafkas (6880 Elbrook, SE corner), and Cathy Bowers (6881 Elbrook, SW corner). All three homeowners endorsed the proposed placement of street lights. Indeed, both Ms. Trice and Ms. Bowers asked that this be expedited. Both residents had, or currently have a child attending Walnut Hills HS and the bus stop is at this corner. Since pick up time is 6-6:30am when it is dark and visibility is poor, they felt having street lights would represent a safer proposition for students.

Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) grant application: As noted at the last Committee meeting, previous applications to OPWC to replace the concrete streets of S and N Farmcrest and Kincaid failed (inadequate scoring). The current approach is to apply for funds for Kincaid from the Municipal Road Fund and to submit separate grant applications to OPWC for N Farmcrest and S Farmcrest. Of the two, Mr. Lahrmer and Mr. Brown noted that based on traffic patterns and street condition, S Farmcrest has the better chance for funding. Mr. Brown noted that while S Farmcrest ‘appears’ to be in better condition, the subsurface condition is far worse than N Farmcrest. The attachment shows the various funding scenarios, the Village’s financial obligations (no grant covers total costs), and from which Village source the funds would be derived. The best case scenario has the Village receiving ~1.02 million in grants for all 3 projects and the Village providing ~\$0.45 million. The worst case scenario (assuming the Village proceeds with all three street projects) has the Village receiving ~\$0.4 million in grants and the Village providing ~\$1.06 million for the street repairs. The Kincaid application has already been submitted. Mr. Hattenbach moved to recommend to Council to approve the two OPWC grant applications for repairing N and S Farmcrest. Mr. Bardach seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Waste Collection bid: As noted at our last Committee meeting we are in the last option year of a 5 year trash removal contract with Rumpke (executed as part of the Center for Local Government, CLG). While the CLG requested bids from 3 vendors, one bid was received from our current vendor, Rumpke. While the bid provided 2 options (see

attached) the Committee preferred and focused on Option 1. This option is similarly structured to our current contract. The first year will have a 14% increase (from \$12.28 to \$14 per month) that will be fixed for 3 years. This could be followed with 2 option years, with each year increasing 4%. The 14% increase is entirely due to increased costs associated with recycling (i.e., staff collection time, recycling market has fallen due to collapse of energy prices). Having recycle pickup every two weeks instead of weekly could provide a savings of \$2.80, however Village residents are used to weekly recycling, are strong advocates and participants of recycling, and there could be an administrative challenge from confused residents. Mr. Lahrmer noted that Fairfield and Sharonville successfully converted to biweekly recycle pickup. The Committee felt that we should pursue the renewal, and revisit this at the end of the 3 year period. Mr. Hattenbach moved that Council enter into a trash pickup contract with Rumke for a three period with an option of two 1-year renewals according to the cost plan provided. Mr. Bardach seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

Rock Salt: The Committee noted that for the past 2 years we have experienced exceptionally mild weather. Coupled with the construction of a newly expanded salt facility that is currently at its maximum holding capacity (1100-1200 tons), Mr. Lahrmer and Mr. Chesney noted that we may have enough salt on hand to cover the Village needs for the winter without having to enter into a new contract (the last 'bad' season that required current salt capacity was about 15 years ago). Our current contract still obligates us to purchase 300 tons (\$52.51 per ton), however. Nonetheless, this will represent a considerable cost savings for the Village.

Public Works Mutual Aid Pact: In the past, members of the CLG would provide assistance to each other in the event of an emergency/disaster, i.e., helping the City of Montgomery recover from its tornado a few years back. In an effort to formalize this, provide an inventory of equipment (and associated personnel) that could be made available from the Village or to the Village from the other 25 members of the CLG, and facilitate this process, the CLG created a Public Works Mutual Aid Contract. This being of value to our community and mutually to the surrounding communities, Mr. Bardach moved that Council enter into this contract. Mr. Hattenbach seconded and the motion carried 3-0.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair: _____
Ray Warren