

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE

June 6, 2016

Present: Dan Banach, Tim Dennis, Doug Paddock, Gary Montgomery, Ed Bronson, Elden Morrison, Bonnie Percy, Jim Multer, Mark Morris, Terry Button, Dave Hartman, Earle Gleason, Joe Reed, Bill Holgate, Connie Hayes.

Minutes of the May meeting were approved as presented.

The July Committee meeting will be held July 6, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Dan Banach and Jim Multer will sign the audit

Dan reported he and Terry road with Dave this morning looking at the roads as far as damage done by Mennonite traffic. Dan stated that you would think that the wear and tear would be mainly from the tractors but there is also considerable damage from the horse's hoofs. Terry stated Dave showed him the damage done to town roads from the tractors and the damage as they come onto county roads.

Tim asked if the damage could be quantified. Dave explained it is difficult to quantify, you can see the groves and divots but to say it takes "x" years off the life of the roads is difficult. There is a way to charge for the damage but you have to be able to quantify it and you have to determine who is actually doing the damage especially if you have more than one farmer on a road. If you have someone crossing the road that's easier to determine.

Tim stated the Mennonite population also pay taxes and they really don't utilize a lot of the services that their tax dollars pay for other than the roads.

Dave suggested that he and a couple of town superintendents meet with a group of Mennonite's and see if they have suggestions on how to come up with a solution.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT – Dave Hartman

Dave reported the paving on Italy Hill Road is done. Paving was started on East Lake Road but some problem areas were found. The pavers moved to Glenora Road and then to County Road #1. From there they will go to the Dundee Himrod Road and Second Milo road and then back to East Lake road.

Dave reported West Ave Bridge is done just waiting for paving and guide rails should be done in a couple of weeks.

Dave reported Vine Valley Rd will be closed starting next Monday and the Dinehart Road will be the detour.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS - Joe Reed

Joe reported he has been working with Municipal Electric and Gas Alliance (MEGA) who competitively bid out for natural gas. Direct Energy was the low bidder and pricing can be locked in at \$3.69, or there is a variable price average option or variable with a cap which is the most expensive. Joe suggests going with Direct at a fixed price. The current vendor is approximately \$1,100 more a year. The consensus of the Committee was to go with the fixed price for the next 2 years. Joe will have a resolution for Monday's meeting.

Joe reported there is money in the budget to add 37 HVAC controls in the County Office Building and Court House systems. B&G will be installing the controls and Siemens will do the necessary programming to utilize them. The Committee approved a resolution for a contract with Siemens.

Joe reported the Safety Committee has asked to put a stop sign at the “T” intersection by the generator for traffic coming from Main Street be installed. The Committee approved.

Joe reviewed the Weights and Measures Report.

Joe reported on the Phone System. The cut over went ok, Time Warner had some issues and the faxing issues have been addressed.

Joe reported there was a meeting of the Safety Committee on May 25th minutes will be provided at the July meeting for approval.

Bonnie moved to enter executive session to discuss the employment history of an individual with Dave and the Legislators present, seconded by Elden.

VOTE: Unanimous

Meeting adjourned at 5:02 p.m.