

Village President Torgerson called the meeting to order at 3 PM, and those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Cueny, Eberhart, Grey, Kiel, & Torgerson

Members Absent: Griffin & Shoemaker¹

Public Comments: None

Business:

1. Review Queens Way/El Camino Mill & Fill Bids:

Wolff stated that he discussed the bids with the Village's engineering firm, and has been encouraged to look at making a bid during the winter for a spring project in 2019.

Wolff stated that the project is proposed for the 2018-19 fiscal year which ends on June 30, 2019, and that rebidding should not impact doing the project within the current budget year.

The members in attendance reviewed the bids.

Questions were discussed whether cost savings could be achieved by rebidding the project later this calendar year, for the work to be done before the close of the fiscal year.

Wolff stated that he spoke with three companies that all were concerned about the ability to schedule the project this year due to high demand. One did state that looking at the project in 2019 would see more favorable pricing. He stated that material costs likely would not be much lower, but the greater flexibility in scheduling should positively impact the Village's cost.

Cueny questioned if such a cost saving would be significant enough to warrant holding off on the work until spring. Wolff stated that he would guess the bids would come-in above what is budgeted, but below the bids received on August 3rd.

A motion was made by Eberhart, seconded by Cueny, to reject all bids due to the bids being significantly above the estimates which were budgeted for. VOICE VOTE:
MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

2. Review & Possible Award Crack Sealing Bid:

Wolff presented the bids that were received for conducting the 2018 Crack Sealing work. He requested that in light of postponing the Mill & Fill job discussed in item number one, that the project budget is increased from \$15,000 to \$20,000 and those funds used to seal the area which was proposed for that project.

He reported that of the four proposals, one of the bidders is proposing to use a material which is not on MDOT's pre-approved list of materials. That bidder was also the high

¹ Shoemaker arrived at 3:18 PM.

bidder. He stated that there was less than a two percent difference in the low bidders, with the low bid being from a company located in Jackson, and the next low bid from Blanchard.

Cueny stated that he likes staying local with projects if possible.

Kiel stated that he agrees with the value of staying local when possible.

A motion was made by Grey, seconded by Kiel, to award the 2018 Crack Sealing project to B&E Coating of Blanchard Michigan for the bid price of \$0.995/pound. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Cueny, Eberhart, Grey, Kiel, & Torgerson; NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0.

3. Review & Possible Award Pick-up Truck Purchase:

Wolff stated in full disclosure that he presently owns a small number of shares of Ford Motor Company stock.

The Council reviewed the bids.

Mr. Shoemaker arrived for the meeting at 3:18 PM.

Kiel questioned if the savings achieved today by going with the Chevy would be lost in the long-run as the Village does not have a relationship with a local Chevy dealer for warranty maintenance. He voiced concern about possibly having to take the vehicle to Grand Rapids for service if covered by the selling dealer.

Cueny again stated that he would prefer to stay local if possible and that with the rest of the Village's fleet being Ford, it makes sense to stay with the same brand if possible.

The Council discussed the Village's F150. It was asked if Wolff was planning to trade that truck in towards the purchase of the F250. Wolff stated that the General Fund owns the F150, and the Street Funds own the F250s, and for accounting purposes, the F150 was not included in this transaction.

Wolff stated that he would like to research trading the F150 in for a smaller, more fuel-efficient, vehicle that could be used for General Fund purposes such as Code Enforcement, zoning, and travel. Otherwise, if the F150 is simply sold, the General Fund would need to rent a vehicle from the Street Funds when the General Fund uses it.

A motion was made by Cueny, seconded Eberhart, to award the truck bid to Krapohl Ford of Mt. Pleasant in the amount of \$30,617. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Cueny, Eberhart, Grey, Kiel, Shoemaker, & Torgerson; NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

4. Review & Possible Award Code Enforcement Attorney Proposals:

Wolff reported that one proposal was received to do the Village's ordinance enforcement representation. Costs were discussed as the proposal has a higher hourly rate than the previous attorney, and also a higher rate than the Village's general counsel.

Wolff stated that he contacted no less than one-half dozen firms or attorney's in the Mt. Pleasant area, and this was the only individual interested in the position was Andrew Brockman of Robert Backus' firm.

There was discussion regarding travel costs if the Village's general counsel was used as they are located in Grand Rapids. This option was kept open for the future if the costs

of using a local attorney become too high, as the hourly rate for the Village's general counsel is considerably less than the proposal submitted to the Village.

A motion was made by Eberhart, seconded by Grey, to engage the services of Andy Brockman of Robert Backus's firm to perform the services of Prosecuting Attorney for ordinance enforcement. ROLL CALL VOTE: YEAS: Cueny, Eberhart, Grey, Kiel, Shoemaker, & Torgerson; NAYS: None. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0.

5. Review Refuse Licensing Proposals & Determine Next Phase of Process:

The Council reviewed a summary of the proposals from Granger, King's Disposal, and Republic. Wolff stated that he feels the proposal from Granger may not be able to be considered by the Council. He discussed the Village's adopted ordinance which requires various service levels be offered by a licensee, and Granger did not offer one of the service levels in their proposal. He stated that he feels the other two companies' proposals were good and each has advantages and disadvantages over the other.

Cueny stated that he was surprised by Wolff stating that he feels the proposal from both King's Disposal and Republic were good. He stated the per tag/bag price from Republic is too high, and that with residents being concerned with cost, having that cost increase by one dollar per bag from their current price would likely not be seen as a benefit by the public.

Kiel stated he agrees with Cueny, and that increasing the tag/bag price from two dollars to three dollars is a problem.

Shoemaker stated that he thinks an issue that is important is the size of the trucks being used and what impact they have on the streets of the community.

Grey discussed concerns over the maximum loaded weight of the trucks being used by Granger.

Wolff presented a series of follow-up questions that he would like to send to each company, and hopefully, have answers for the Council to consider at its meeting on August 21st.

The Counwascil reviewed the list of questions and finalized based on the discussion.

Wolff presented a proposed schedule moving forward of the following steps, which was received by the Council without objection:

August 8th Have the Council finalize questions to present to each bidder, with the goal of having responses by the August 21st meeting.

August 21st: Review the answers to questions from the August 8th meeting. Select companies to essentially interview before the Council. This will allow the Council, and the public, the ability to meet the proposed companies and hear directly from them what services are being offered.

Between the August and September meeting, hold the interview meeting(s). I would look to try and get that meeting close to the September meeting, that would allow us to draft and publish a newsletter to our residents updating them on the process and their ability for additional input and involvement.

September 18th: At the September meeting, select/award a firm to enter into an exclusive agreement.

Late October: Finalize Exclusive License Agreement and work with the Licensee on the transition of customers.

Public Comments: None

With no further business, the Village Council adjourned at 4:10 PM.

Jeffery P. Grey

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Village Clerk

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