

VILLAGE OF SMITHTON
COMMITTEE AS A WHOLE
January 22, 2019
7:00PM

Mayor Klein, Trustees Yoch, Smallwood, Becherer, Rogers, and Elbe were present. Trustee Becker was absent. The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm.

STREET LIGHT REQUEST – Mayor Klein informed the board that he received a call from Carol Warden who lives on C Street. She is legally blind. She complained about the need for a street light on her street. Klein asked the trustees to take a look at the street poles and give their recommendations on having Ameren install a light.

CDBG – Mayor Klein informed the board that they need to decide on the projects for the CDBG grant money if the Village receives it in 2021. The Village will need to go in on the cost. The trustees agreed that North High Street should be on the project list since it gets a lot of school traffic. Klein will inform Engineer Saeger.

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT/WATER SYSTEM – Mayor Klein reminded the board of their previous discussion about the contract with Hydro Services for the maintenance at the Waste Water Treatment Plant. The contract expires April 30, 2019. Klein handed out a service proposal from TAC for the board to review. Klein also reviewed the Hydro Services operating agreement with the board. Numerous items from the list of responsibilities have not been performed by Hydro Services in the past. Klein asked the trustees to review both contracts. The board discussed getting one of the street crew certified so that they could take care of the plant. Klein replied that it is in the TAC contract that they will train one of the street crew.

STREET DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL – The board decided to advertise for the Street Supervisor position in the Freeburg Tribune and the Belleville News Democrat. They decided not to advertise for a street crew position yet. They went over the Supervisor job description and the advertisement that will go into the papers.

CENCOM INVOICE – Mayor Klein stated that the price per call is now lower than it was three years ago. Klein will put the invoice on the agenda for a vote the next Board meeting.

SALT STORAGE BUILDING – Trustee Rogers informed the board that the quote for the building came to \$38,100.00 including labor. Mayor Klein stated that the price may be lower if the blocks can be purchased at a cheaper price. The board discussed not using a concrete footing to cut down on costs also.

POLICE PERSONNEL & VEHICLES –Mayor Klein informed the board that he would like to appoint his recommendation for Chief of Police now so that the new appointee can start training now but would not start the position until Chief Vielweber retires. Trustee Smallwood stated that there will need to be some policy re-writes and that those should be discussed with the new appointee up front. Trustee Elbe stated that he would like to see the new appointee have more involvement with the police department and the police committee. This person should also be available 24 hours a day. The new appointee should attend all of the meetings. The trustees discussed making it a salaried position. Elbe will start on the list of changes that he would like to have implemented and check with the trustees for their suggestions before Klein appoints anyone.

SENIOR/EVENT CENTER FLOOR BIDS – Mayor Klein shared a note from Engineer Saeger that stated that he thinks Novacore Premium is the best product for the Senior/Event Center because it is thicker and it locks together. Saeger also wrote that Summit Novus is a new product that Randy Becker recommends but he had not previously put in the bid. Trustee Yoch stated that Scott reached out to Randy to go down there with him to help give Scott an idea of what needed to be done. Yoch stated that the reason that Randy went down there initially was because of Scott’s lack of knowledge on flooring. Klein stated that was fine to tell him what needs to be bid on, but you cannot say that it needs to be Armstrong because a lot of people don’t deal with Armstrong. Klein stated that Randy has recommended a certain flooring product because that is the product that they deal with. Trustee Elbe stated that what Randy did was wrong and is a problem, but he was sought out by Saeger to give information. If he is not awarded the bid then he can’t hold hard feelings. Trustee Rogers stated that they just have to decide which flooring product they want to use. Trustee Smallwood stated that when you have to make a decision on something that you don’t know enough about then all you can do is educate yourself as much as you can. He recommends having Saeger do some research and make the best recommendations that he can. Klein stated that McCullough quoted \$24,681.00, this amount is minus the sales tax. Randy quoted option three for \$27,542.00, option two for \$22,590.00. Rogers asked Klein if he could have Saeger do a little research and make a recommendation. Rogers stated that he would feel uncomfortable voting on this because his nephew works for McCullough. Klein informed him that a nephew would not be a conflict and that Rogers would not have a monetary conflict. Klein asked the board if they want to vote on the bids as they are. The trustees decided to make a decision between the two proposals that they have. They decided to have Saeger do research. Elbe asked if the lowest bid has to be accepted. Klein replied no. Yoch stated that the choice does have to be defended. Trustee Becherer stated that it could be the lowest or the best bid. Elbe replied that if the lowest

bidder has done lousy work in the past you do not have to choose them. Klein stated that he would not have a problem with Virgil going with Saeger to give him advice on what needs to be done and the square footage needing repair, but he cannot share the information with Randy. Elbe wants the bid to be the price per square foot of repair, including labor and material, with the approval of Saeger before any additional work is done. That way if any filler would be needed it would have to be approved by Saeger. All of the trustees want Snap & Lock flooring. Rogers asked if Saeger could come up with a generic bid sheet breaking down the price per square foot of repair, labor, and material. Elbe agreed that there could be a form done, and the bid could be attached to it. Klein asked Elbe if there is an industry standard for floor repair. Elbe stated that the information could be found out by calling the Carpenter's Hall. Elbe stated that there should be only one bid from each bidder. He suggested that they try to determine the low bidder first, and then consider other bid factors if suggested.

GENERATOR – Trustee Rogers informed the board that the used generator that had been offered to the Village is older than they thought, is outdated, and needs work done to it. He recommends not pursuing the purchase. The trustees agreed.

CODE BOOK UPDATE – The Mayor and the board agreed to have a Committee As a Whole meeting on 1-29-19 to discuss Codification.

Mayor Klein and the trustees reviewed the minutes from the zoning hearing for 13 S. Main St. They will vote on the zoning board's recommendation at the next Board meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:10pm.