

ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 14, 2023 – 7:00 P.M.

FOLLOWING THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE, THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE ST. CLOUD VILLAGE BOARD WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT RYAN GEBHART AT 7:00 p.m.

ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE PRESENT.

FOLLOWING READING OF THE FEBRUARY MEETING MINUTES, RYAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS READ. DAVE SCHRY MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE MINUTES; TOM BALDOCK SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MINUTES WERE APPROVED AS READ.

UTILITY:

DAVE AND JEFF REPORTED THAT THEY HAVE STARTED DRAINAGE OF THE LARGE LAGOON THIS WEEK. THE AREA FOR CHEMICAL DELIVERIES TO THE WWT BUILDING IS MUDDY AND DIFFICULT FOR THE TRUCKS TO GET IN. DAVE WILL CONTACT JOHN Q. FOR AN ESTIMATE ON FILLING THE AREA IN WITH GRAVEL TO HAVE IT LEVELED OFF. THE BAD WATER LEAK WAS DISCOVERED AT THE HYDRANT BY THE WATERTOWER. THE WELL READINGS RETURNED TO NORMAL AFTER THE ISSUE WAS RESOLVED. THE COMPOST PILE WILL BE BURNED THIS WEEK. COLD PATCHING WILL BE DONE FOR THE RECURRING SINK HOLES ON SOUTH STREET, AND ALSO AT FELDNER CHEVROLET WHERE THE SEWER WORK WAS DONE EARLY LAST YEAR.

PAUL MUCH PRESENTED THE NEW 2023-2024 MCO CONTACT, THE CONTRACT INCLUDES A 5% INCREASE FROM THE 2022 CONTRACT PRICE.

RYAN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO APPROVE THE CONTRACT. DAN DREIFUERST MOTIONED TO ACCEPT; DAVE SCHRY SECONDED THE MOTION; ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE CONTACT WAS APPROVED.

DAVE COMMENTED TO PAUL THAT HIS EMPLOYEES HAVE BEEN VERY HELPFUL WHEN NEEDED.

RHONDA QUESTIONED PAUL ON THE USE OF THE DESIGNATED SEWER ACCOUNT FUNDS. THE VILLAGE HAS HAD SEVERAL HIGH SEWER RELATED EXPENSES LAST YEAR THAT SUPPOSEDLY DO NOT QUALIFY FOR USE OF THE FUNDS IN THE ACCOUNT. PAUL AND TONY BOTH AGREED THAT IT IS TO BE USED AS A EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT FUND. PAUL WILL CHECK OUT WHAT THE ACTUAL RESTRICTIONS ARE AND WHAT THE DNR CONSIDERS "EQUIPMENT REPLACEMENT" FOR USING THE FUND.

TONY KAPPELLA OUR WASTEWATER ENGINEER FROM MCMAHON ATTENDED THE MEETING TO EXPLAIN THE CONTRACT FOR THE ENGINEERING REPORTING REQUIRED BY THE DNR FOR THE WPDES COMPLIANCE SCHEDULING, THIS BEING THE FIRST OF THE NEXT 3 PERMIT TERMS. THIS REPORT IS DUE SEPTEMBER 30, 2023. WITH THE VILLAGE MAINTAINING A STATUS QUO IN CONTINUING TO LOWER THE WASTEWATER PHOSPHORUS LEVEL FOR THIS TERM, WE SHOULD BE IN COMPLIANCE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE THREE MDV PERMIT TERMS. THE CHEMICAL FEED SYSTEM BEING USED NOW IS CONSIDERED A TRIAL BASIS TO REDUCE PHOSPHORUS LEVELS. THERE WAS DISCUSSION ON CHECKING OTHER CHEMICAL SUPPLIERS FOR COST REDUCTION, AND POSSIBILITY OF A WATER TRADING ALTERNATIVE. RYAN CALLED FOR A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MCMAHON CONTRACT, WITH THE ESTIMATED ENGINEERING COST OF \$10,000. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT, SECONDED BY LUKE BOLL; ALL WERE IN FAVOR. THE CONTRACT WAS ACCEPTED.

VILLAGE:

THE BIDS RECEIVED AT THE FEBRUARY 14 BID MEETING FOR THE 2023 DRAINAGE AND PAVEMENT IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS FOR MARSH AND CHURCH STREETS AND THE GORDON AND THORP INTERSECTION WERE PRESENTED AND READ BY PRESIDENT RYAN GEBHART AS FOLLOWS:

#1 - **KARTECHNER BROTHERS LLC** - BASE BID: \$237,764.75; ALTERNATE BID: \$65,345.60
TOTAL: \$303,110.35

#2 - **BAUMHARDT SAND & GRAVEL, INC.** - BASE BID: \$168,868.13; ALTERNATE BID: \$57,388.46
TOTAL: \$226,256.59

#3 – **NORTHEAST ASPHALT, INC.** – BASE BID: \$161,372.92; ALTERNATE BID: \$43,500.05
TOTAL: \$204,872.97

#4 – **BUTEYN-PETERSON CONSTRUCTION, INC.** – BASE BID: \$212,800.00; ALTERNATE BID: \$73,718.00
TOTAL: \$286,518.00

AFTER REVIEWING THE BIDS, RYAN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR THE PROJECT, FOR BOTH BASE BID AND ALTERNATE BID. ERIC HEIMERMANN MADE A MOTION TO AWARD THE CONTRACT FOR BOTH BIDS TO NORTHEAST ASPHALT, INC. IN THE AMOUNT OF \$204,872.97. LUKE BOLL SECONDED THE MOTION. THE BOARD WAS UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR. UPON BOARD APPROVAL TO AWARD THE CONTRACT, THE NOTICE OF AWARD AND CONTRACT EXECUTION LETTER WERE BOTH SIGNED BY RYAN GEBHART AND RHONDA WEBER AND WILL BE MAILED TO NORTHEAST ASPHALT MARCH 15, 2023.

ERIC HEIMERMANN MOTIONED TO RETURN THE BID BONDS TO THE REMAINING THREE CONTRACTORS, BAUMHARDT SAND & GRAVEL, BUTEYN-PETERSON CONSTRUCTION, AND KARTECHNER BROTHERS LLC. DAVE SCHRY SECONDED THE MOTION. ALL MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR. ACCOMPANYING LETTERS FOR THE RETURNED BID BONDS WERE SIGNED BY RYAN GEBHART AND RHONDA WEBER, AND WILL BE RETURNED BY MAIL MARCH 15, 2023.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY LUKE BOLL AND SECONDED BY RYAN ACHTER TO ALLOW RYAN GEBHART TO FORWARD THE EXECUTED NORTHEAST ASPHALT CONTRACT TO THE VILLAGE ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW. ALL BOARD MEMBERS WERE IN FAVOR.

RYAN GEBHART READ THE BIRSCHBACH PROPERTY EASEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE. THERE WAS CONTROVERSY ABOUT THE ABILITY FOR RESIDENTS TO ACCESS TO THE LANE TO THE LAGOONS IN THE PAST. RYAN EXPLAINED WITH THE NEW BIRSCHBACH HOME LOCATION, THE PROPERTY EASEMENT WITH THE VILLAGE GIVES THE PROPERTY OWNER THE LEGAL RIGHT NOT TO ALLOW ANY TRESPASSING, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF VILLAGE UTILITY EMPLOYEES AND CONTRACTORS FOR MAINTENANCE RELATING TO THE LAGOON SYSTEM.

THE BOARD APPROVED POSTING THE POSITION FOR VILLAGE UTILITY CLERK. RHONDA WILL WORK ON A JOB DESCRIPTION FOR THE POSTING AND HAVE IT APPROVED BY THE BOARD WHEN COMPLETED.

SNOW REMOVAL ISSUES WERE DISCUSSED AND ANY AREAS NEAR THE CBU MAIL BOXES ARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER WHERE THEY ARE LOCATED. THE OTHERS WILL BE CLEARED BY THE VILLAGE. AREAS AROUND THE FIRE HYDRANTS HAVE BEEN KEPT CLEAR. ANY RESIDENT WITH SNOW REMOVAL COMPLAINTS ARE TO ADDRESS THEM TO A VILLAGE BOARD MEMBER AND THE RESIDENT WILL BE CONTACTED.

THERE WERE NOT COMMITTEE REPORTS.

RYAN ASKED FOR A MOTION TO PAY FEBRUARY BILLS AND REVIEW TIME CARDS. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED AND RYAN ACHTER SECONDED TO PAY BILLS AND REVIEW TIME CARDS.

MOTION WAS ASKED TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. DAVE SCHRY MOTIONED TO ADJOURN, SECONDED BY DAN DREIFUERST. THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:50 P.M.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,
RHONDA WEBER, VILLAGE CLERK