

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY MEETING
JUNE 3, 2005
TIME: 8:00 A.M.

PRESENT: Mayor Frank Manus, Mike Riley and Glenn Tebbe.

All recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes were approved.

The street resurfacing bids were opened from the following companies:

1. Paul H. Rohe Co., Inc. - Aurora, In. ----- \$197,310.75
2. Millstone Contractor, Inc. – Columbus, In. ----- \$277,904.33
3. Dave O’Mara Contractor, Inc. – North Vernon, In. --\$189,109.25

Bids will be reviewed by Street Commissioner Ralph Land, BZA & Plan Director Kathy Reynolds and City Attorney Steve Taylor. If all papers are in order and specs are met, the awarding will be to the lowest bidder.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Mike Riley to review and award to the lowest bidder being Dave O’Mara, if all papers are in order and specs are met. So passed.

Street Commissioner Ralph Land explained to the Board that the City has to mow properties that have real tall grass and reimbursement is put on the owners property taxes. Usually these are vacant properties. The problem is the street department does not have the heavy duty mower that is needed and ask the Board for permission to purchase a heavier mower.

Ralph explained they needed a D n R Brush Mower and Schmidt has one for \$2107.15. To obtain any other prices he would have to go out of town.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Mike Riley granting permission to purchase a D n R Brush Mower from Schmidt for \$2107.15. So passed.

Jeff Smith Wastewater Superintendent brought quotes for a new 4 inch trash pump that they need to dewater tanks and in the case of a power outage it can be used as a bypass pump.

Quotes from:

1. Horner \$4400 Gorman-Rupp
2. Horner \$3272 ATM
3. Minning \$3200 Wacker
4. Minning \$2800 Tsurumi
5. Schmidt Engine \$1920 Honda

Jeff recommended the lowest quote being Schmidt Engine \$1920 Honda.

Motion by Mike Riley and seconded by Glenn Tebbe to approve the lowest quote. So passed.

H. J. Umbaugh representatives were present to review and summarize the rate study for Wastewater. They summarized the amount of expenses needed to run the utilities and how much revenue was needed. There is a short fall of \$392,700 a year. An approximate needed rate increase of 16% across the board is needed. The City purposes a 10% increase the first year and then a 3% the next two years which amounts to \$3.85 in all for the wastewater rate and then there would be an increase on the water rate that would go before the Water Board.

An Ordinance would need to be passed adopting the rate increase in order to make these effective.

Motion by Glenn Tebbe and seconded by Mike Riley to approve the report that H.J. Umbaugh and Associates presented. So passed.

The connection fees are being reviewed.

Fire Chief Scott Chasteen told that Engine #8 is back in service. It took about nine days for the repairs and new tank.

A couple of tornado sirens would rotate but didn't make any sound, so Scott went ahead and had those repaired.

Sirens are set off for tornado warning and severe thunderstorm warning. People are to be aware that something could be coming and to stay in and take cover.

When the sirens are set off, it is to alert people that something is going on and to listen to the radio or television for any information and take caution.

Scott will contact Jennifer Sturges at the Chamber of Commerce on putting something in the Chamber letter to help educate people regarding the meaning of the sirens.

Police Chief Bill Meyerrose told the Board that three of his officers and he were involved in the hostage situation at Shelbyville. He was extremely pleased with the officer's actions.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 A.M.

PRESIDING OFFICER _____

ATTEST:

Clerk-Treasurer