

Road Commission 2-17-20 Meeting Minutes

Attendees : Nate Sullivan, Clark Elliot, Kurt Johnson, Rick Heh, Russ Clark

5:00 Meeting opened with two adjustments

- Speed sign discussion tabled to next meeting when Mike W returns
- Rick to discuss class 4 road policy update

5:01 No public comment

5:05 Committee Reappointments

- All current members plan to continue on the committee next year.

5:10 Clark's Truck Presentation

- Russ Clark presented two options for the Town to consider regarding acquisition of new dump trucks. The first was a lease only option with ability to purchase the truck at a minimum price at end of lease. Minimum price to be determined at the end of lease and based on fair market value. The second option was a lease to ownership with even annual payments with a choice from 3 up to 7 years. In both cases warranty coverage would be in place over the life of the lease term. Discussion ensued over the long term cost analysis as well as pros and cons of leasing versus purchasing. Russ stated most towns are purchasing but they do have some customers leasing some of their trucks. It was discussed that leasing doesn't require voter approval since a capital asset is not being acquired. This could be a case for this approach should the Town need to act quickly. Kurt will get with Sherri to get Union Bank financing costs to compare with Clark's financing through Kansas State Bank. In addition Kurt will work with the town finance officer to evaluate the long term cost for leasing versus purchasing.

5:50 2020 Pleasant Valley Paving

- Paving options discussed for the 443 to PV bridge 7 and beyond to the Cambridge line. Beyond the bridge is straight forward as it is clearly a shim and overlay project and preliminary price quotes are within our projected cost estimate. The section from 443 to PV 7 will require 12 culverts to be replaced and is in a greater state of disrepair so price quotes were requested for full reclaim. Unfortunately as expected this would exceed the budgeted amount that was based on full reclaim with only 2.25" asphalt instead of the 4" which is generally used in this case. After considerable discussion the decision was made to go with a shim and overlay. Although this will probably last a few years less than a full reclaim, it was felt that with annual crack sealing it would push out the need for a full reclaim to a time when the town reserves will be better able to handle the expense. Brian B will plan to submit the state grant application with this in mind.

6:10 Gravel roads reconstruction materials disposal

- Discussed contacting class 4 road residents to determine if any would be interested in acquiring material from either Poker Hill or Irish Settlement projects. Depending on interest for that will assess later whether to offer to other residents. Kurt will contact at least one rep from each the roads within a few miles of the source. Discussion about expanding the parking lot at Casey's hill was also brought up but upon later inspection it was determined there really isn't much if any suitable space to expand it. If the Tomasi Meadow acquisition occurs and drives more parking than is available this can be addressed at that time.

6:30 Class 4 road policy update

- Rick briefly touched on the feedback from class 4 road residents over requiring permission for plowing class 4 roads. Recommendation is this would be a one time only request as opposed to annually. He also reviewed a road maintenance request form that would be used by residents to request approval from the Road Foreman and selectboard when any road maintenance is to be performed. This will be reviewed at a SB meeting shortly following Town meeting Day.

6:45 Next meeting is 5pm Mar 23.

6:50 Meeting adjourned