



MINUTES
Winfield Storm Water Board
Meeting date: Tuesday, April 14th, 2020

Call to order: A meeting of the Winfield Storm Water Board was held in the Winfield Government Center, Winfield, Indiana on April 14th, 2020. The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m., the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Members in attendance via Zoom Conference: Timothy Clayton, Jon Derwinski, and Jim Simmons

Members not in attendance:

Also in attendance: Rick Anderson, Clerk-Treasurer (physically present); Attorney David Austgen from Austgen Kuiper Jasaitis P.C. (physically present); Engineer, Michael Duffy (via Zoom); Town Administrator/Planning and Zoning Administrator Nick Bellar (via Zoom); Recording Secretary, Kim Wachowski (via Zoom).

Rick Anderson noted the meeting room is open to the public for the bid opening, at this time no members of the public are present. This meeting is being held under the current orders of Governor Holcomb, Executive Order 20-09, which allows public meetings to be held remotely or by teleconference.

MINUTES: Jon Derwinski made the motion to accept the Storm Water Board Meeting Minutes of March 10th, 2020. Tim Clayton seconded the motion. The motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

CITIZENS REQUESTING PLACEMENT ON THE AGENDA:

None.

SPECIAL ACTIONS:

1. Bid Opening for 117th Drainage Project.

Rick Anderson noted he has the proper proof of publications for the bids and reported they received seven bids for the project. Rick then opened the bids and read the bid totals from each; Ryan Construction, \$92,229.00; Garuip Construction, \$89,500.00; Gough Inc., 68,324.00; Grimmer Construction, \$89,889.00; Austgen Equipment, \$92,100.00; Dyer Construction, \$116,517.76; LGS Plumbing, \$77,703.00. Attorney Austgen asked Mike Duffy if he submitted a bid tab form for the bids. Mike stated he did not, but once Rick sends over all the bids, he will create a tabulation to make sure everything is present. Jim Simmons asked Mike Duffy if there were any addendums to this bid to account for the varying amounts. Mike stated all the information was received by all the contractors who picked up the bid package. There were two addendums, one to clarify the pipe size if a different shape was more readily available and handling the road closure, the second was just to inform everyone that the Town Hall office door was locked and they would need to knock on the door to turn in their bid. Rick stated all of the bids included a bid submittal check list on the front of their bids and all noted the two addendums. Jim Simmons made the motion to take these bids under consideration for legal and engineering review. Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Hidden Creek Ditch.

Mike Duffy reported they are having difficulty gaining access to the property so they are moving forward with completing as much design work as they can with the LIDAR data and then will



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supplement any survey that is directly adjacent to the road and right of way so they don't get into private property issues, however surveyors are allowed to traverse private property. He has done some preliminary field work for the design on the ditch cross section. It will be less invasive if they do not have to touch the ditch itself, and just address road crossings. Nick Bellar stated Merrillville is in agreement with that approach. He spoke with Matt Lake over the challenges with the property owner and they agreed this was the best option.

2. 117th Avenue Drainage Solution.

Nick Bellar stated this was addressed during the bid opening.

3. Mary Brown, 5889 E. 105th Pl., Sinkholes/Drainage Issues.

Mike Duffy stated the bid package is done. He performed a field check to make sure there wasn't anything different from when they did it in 2012. He did not note any changes, only larger trees that will cost more to remove. Restoration will cause similar issues. He will not put this out as a full bid proposal, it is not necessary with the estimated amount coming in around \$80,000 or lower. Jim Simmons asked if they would be replacing trees that need to be removed. Mike stated he thought they decided the last time they would not be doing that. Mike said hopefully the timing of the project will help with the damage and restoration of the yard so it will be completed during favorable weather. Rick Anderson asked Mike what the bids came in at last time and if he believes they will come in around the same amount. Last time the bids were in the mid \$70,000 range. Mike does think it will be similar because the pricing came back the same but there will be some escalation from over the years. Videoing out from the curb to the creek will be included in this proposal but the restoration will only cover what is disturbed in the back yard and nothing outside of it. This will at least determine what is causing the sinkhole and where the dirt might be going. Last time this project went out to bid, only one bid was turned in. Mike stated they had a lot of interest in the 117th Ave. project but this one might not get as much of a response due to the restoration of the resident's property that is involved.

Mike also provided an update to the Board on recent work on Arizona and State Street. Culverts were replaced with concrete pipe and backfilled in both areas last week before the repaving the roads. They should not have any more culverts popping up on those roads after the paving now.

NEW BUSINESS:

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Rick Anderson presented the Treasurer Report through March 31, 2020, and noted the unusual claims. The total amount of claims is \$19,833.71 Jim Simmons made the motion to approve the Storm Water Board claims in the amount of \$19,833.71, Jon Derwinski seconded the motion, the motion carried with all in favor 3-0.

Jim Simmons asked Rick if the delay of property tax payments will affect Storm Water funding in terms of projects this year they planned to do, or if they should reserve their funds in case they need to help out in another area allowing the town to temporarily borrow



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from them if needed. Rick said he is monitoring it, but he does keep an adequate cash balance so he believes they will be okay. The Storm Water fund currently has around \$700,000. He explained people who pay their property taxes through their mortgages will be on time. Businesses and homeowners that pay directly have the option to delay their payment. He does have the ability to ask the Treasurer to give him monthly draws after June. He is more concerned about the next year and the year after as this situation will take some time to get out of. He will continue to monitor the situation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The next Storm Water Board Meeting Tuesday, April 14th, 2020 @ 6:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Clayton entertained a motion to adjourn. Jim Simmons made a motion to adjourn; the motion was seconded by Jon Derwinski. A voice call vote found all were in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm.

 Tim Clayton
 Stormwater Board President

 Richard C. Anderson, Jr.
 Clerk-Treasurer

 Kim Wachowski
 Recording Secretary

 Date of Approval