

Water & Sewer/Streets & Alleys Joint Committee Meeting

May 1, 2024

Village Hall Arthur, IL

Called to Order 1:00 PM

Roll Call – Rod Randall, Matt Bernius, Jim Fleming, Christy Miller, Grant Corum.

Public Comment – None

New Business

1. Discussion on equipment purchases and financing options were led by Matt B. The backhoe being out of commission for the past 3 months started the discussion of looking at upgrading the Village's equipment. Pricing was received from Birkey's (Case) and Caterpillar. Birkey's was the lowest bidder with trade values taken into account by the dealers. It is the recommendation of the committee to move forward by paying off the current lease purchase agreement with the State Bank of Arthur (est. \$30,000), then placing a new backhoe back on the levied lease purchase in the amount of \$77,000.00. The wheel loader was quoted at \$135,740 and it is recommended to pay for 50% from the garbage fund (\$67,870) and the other 50% from the W/S fund (\$67,870). This was followed by a discussion on replacing the Village's street sweeper. The discussion was also led by Matt B. who provided pricing from Key Equipment via Sourcewell (bidding site). The total cost of a 2023 Pelican NP is \$265,924.00. They offered \$4,000 in trade for the current 1999 Pelican. They include a buyback option after 48 or 60 months of service, where the Village can upgrade at a hefty discount or pay off the remainder and purchase the unit outright. Several options of financing were discussed. Matt B. will provide the final finance options at the Village board meeting on 5/6/24. The committee recommends upgrading the current unit as it is one of the most important pieces of equipment in the Public Works inventory. Public Works vehicles were briefly discussed with some alternative options presented for the process of bidding on pickup trucks for Grant C. to look into.
2. Discussion on the Public Works personnel plan was led by Grant C. Grant C. informed the committee of the current status of the Public Works employees (full time and part time.) After input from the committee members, Grant C. was directed to have some discussions with the current staff to possibly develop a plan that would be advantageous to the Village's current and long term goals.
3. Discussion and an update on projects for FY 24-25 was led by Grant C. Grant C. informed the committee on the status of the SCADA upgrade at the WTP, the generator install at the WTP, the clarifier project at the WWTP, and the water main installation on N. Walnut St. The committee was pleased with the progress and update. Grant C. inquired with the Street & Alley Committee about repairing the horse ruts along Vine St. and the 500 block of S. Vine that has become rough. The committee recommended making the repairs to both of these items.

General Discussion - It was suggested that Grant C. get the information together on the PTO driven generator at the WTP and the current street sweeper so they could be declared excess property at the Village board meeting on 5/6/24.

Matt B. adjourned the meeting at 1:52 PM.

