

**Joint Streets & Alleys, Water & Sewer Committee Meeting
Municipal Building, 120 E Progress Street
Thursday, October 3, 2019**

Matt Bernius called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Roll call was answered by Christy Miller, Jenni Marner, Matt Bernius and Grant Corum. Justin Ray and Rod Randall were also in attendance.

New Business discussion centered on agenda items:

- 1) Capital Improvement Projects for FY 2019-2020. Grant provided an update on the CIP projects including
 - a. well pump #9 being back on line
 - b. the explosion proof room
 - c. the lining project (2/3's cleaned and televised, located 5 excavations needed)
 - d. MiOx tanks have shipped and the unit is in testing
 - e. Clarifier rebuild is at engineering stage
 - f. lift station (plan to bid in winter)
 - g. start on the new building for the press/lab/office and will size it a bit smaller than previously thought since the existing building will be cleaned out for the police storage on north half and cakes on south.
- 2) Arthur Sidewalk Plan from Coles County Regional Planning. Matt provided an estimate of \$5000 from CCRP to provide a sidewalk plan that we can use for infrastructure upgrades and planning purposes for our sidewalks. This will also help in securing grant funding like safe routes to schools dollars as they become available. This will also identify ADA compliance issues and areas where no sidewalk is present to have a systematic overview of our sidewalk facilities. Suggest to place on next agenda for Board approval.
- 3) Public Works current and future mowing equipment. Grant provided sheet detailing mowing equipment and bids he has received. After discussion, we will ask to list the John Deere as excess equipment and to request bids for a new mowing unit.
- 4) Annual Tree Removal and Future Tree Planting Opportunities. Grant provided a list of the trees to be removed. Most are painted throughout the community currently. He received a bid from Leaf it to Us that we recommend the Board take action on at Monday's meeting. There was also discussion of where we could plant trees (not in boulevards) throughout the community. Grant also recommended to all the Board Members to let him know if we see a tree or talk to a resident that would like to have a tree removed from their property or that appears diseased to let him know. He keeps a list all year long and removes them all at once during the fall.
- 5) Code Enforcement. Discussion centered on three properties and recommendations were made to also bring these to the attention of the Police Committee and our attorney for guidance on fines. The property that sustained substantial fire damage should be provided a letter regarding timeline for razing the damaged remains or to begin on rebuilding.


- 6) Public Works Full-time vacancy and part-time seasonal hiring. Grant has advertised for the full-time position. He is also looking into one of the part-time positions being a mower from April to October.
- 7) Arthur Graphic Special Edition. Looking to have an October 23 Village Spread. Grant will provide information about MiOx Changeover, Yard Waste, Snow Plowing activities, and CIP projects. This is at a cost of \$1200 and will go to each address in Arthur. If we do a mailing to all addresses, it is at a cost of approximately \$1000. This will be on the agenda Monday.

General Discussion was opened with several items to discuss:

- 1) Due to the weather being so hot for so long into the fall, a resident has asked if the water program can be continued through October 15. Suggested this be on the agenda for Monday's Board Meeting.
- 2) At the last Board Meeting, Mike asked about the Methodist Church Parking Lot being striped by public works. Without some form of ownership or rental, this will not be considered. If the Church would want to allow more formally for use by the Public by creating a lease agreement, then this would be entertained by the Board.
- 3) Grant would like to purchase a ditching bucket. He found a 3' wide bucket that he and Tri-County Welding could modify to get a 5" flat scrape and 3:1 side slopes in order to better dig ditches sitting in the ditch rather than from the side. This would be very useful to be able to fix some of our ditches which will become more of a priority once the lining project is complete.
- 4) The truck was ordered 26 weeks ago. Grant continues to try to get information and so far none is forthcoming.
- 5) Boulevard clean off – especially in front of the grade school. Running a straight ground grade from Edge of sidewalk to back of curb is the plan. We'd also like to have a concrete area for unloading/loading in front of the school gate. Other than that, what should be done? And is there any interest in removing trees south of grade school that are in the boulevard. No consensus was arrived upon.
- 6) Bontrager's Drainage Issue – From Mike Sullivan, there doesn't appear to be any easy/quick fix or solution to the drainage issue. Grant is continuing to discuss and look into.

Meeting was adjourned by Matt Bernius at 6:56p.m.

Respectfully Submitted



Jennifer E. Marner