

Town Board Meeting September 24, 2007

James Parent called a special Town Board meeting to order at 6:50PM in the meeting room at the Town Hall. Present James Parent, Barbara Anschutz, Peter Jacobs, Dale Williams, Robert Schultz, Jane Pluff, Doug Smith, Steve Parent & 7 visitors.

Clerk verified posting. Motion made/second Dale/Peter to accept the agenda. Carried.

Discuss bid specs for Frog Town Road – Dale abstains from this discussion. Steve has had some issues with the DNR. When he talked to the engineers, they agree that the right way to do it is to knock the entire overhang down and then work our way up so we know we've got support for the road. The permitting people are looking at the aesthetics and don't want to see riprap brought all the way up to the surface if we can avoid it. So they asked him to go in and take cross sections along the whole thing and measure how far it was from the edge of the road to the overhang and how far it was undermined. He put that all together and sent that to them, so he's expecting to get a permit in the next day or two. Assuming they go along with that option, he's thinking within a week he could have plans and specs back to us for bidding. It'll be a class 2 notice, so it'll have to be in the paper 2 consecutive weeks, so we'd be looking at towards the end of October. Weather shouldn't be an issue, other than possibly incurring some extra charges. It's possible we could opening bids November 1, awarding a contract within five days, and have them in there working by early November. Talking to the DNR engineer to the people who actually will write the permit, they'll strip the top off, take down the trees, bushes, etc., line drill to knock the overhang down and then just work it back up and re-vegetate the top. Some of this will have to be done in the spring. There's an 800 foot section that we'll be working on, Steve did 50 foot cross sections. There are two areas that are well under the asphalt. Carrie Webb was supposed to come for a meeting with Steve, Jim and the DNR engineer, but she couldn't make it. The engineer said the plans seemed fine, but Carrie consistently has issues with it.

Discuss budget items for future construction for 2008 – We need to make sure we set aside enough money for some of these bigger projects coming up. Jim asked Steve to lay out the projects so we have something to keep in mind. Anclam Park: Steve has not heard from the DOT as to what they're going to fund and what they expect us to fund. Based on the last meeting he was at, the DOT said they would run the storm sewer down to the treatment unit, but the town would be responsible for the treatment unit and the outfall to the end of the pier. The contact person is Dan Seegerstrom at the DOT. The last storm treatment unit that Steve bid out was a little over \$20,000. So there's that, plus the outfall which could be significantly more. We are getting a 75% for the beach study and will get final plans from Miller Engineering. They will include the design of the storm treatment unit and outfall as part of their plans. There may not be grant money for the construction, just the design. Steve will check and see what we're responsible for. Plans will be done by the middle of winter. We requested that the plan included opening up some passageways through the jetty. Bob said that when we come in off the highway into Anclam, eliminate that large hump at the entrance of the driveway.

Ward Street: The Catholic Church has agreed to grant the town an easement to run sewer up the alley. With the DOT coming in during 2009, it makes sense to stub that sewer out of the highway and as long as it's opened and we've got the easement, it would make sense to bring it up a block to Ward Street.

Mill Street: Before the DOT comes through, we're going to want to put our storm sewer, curb and gutter and asphalt in. He'll get us numbers on that.

Jim would like to see everything prioritized. In other words, what needs to be done next year before the DOT comes through.

County F: Storm sewer will be stubbed off of 57 to County F. We had talked about putting in storm sewer, curb and gutter and sidewalks all the way up to the store. Steve will check with John K. at the county, because they're planning on repaving County F, to see what they're going to cover and what we have to pay for. Obviously curb and gutter and sidewalks would be us, but he'll see what the cutoff is. We'll want to make sure it's stubbed off of the state highway. Bob mentioned we should probably get a number for putting conduit down for street lights up County F.

Frog Town Road: Steve doesn't know how much money is budgeted in prior years. Jim said \$130,000 is set aside in the general fund right now for it. Is that enough? Once the bid specs are put together, we'll know a little more. The reason we have that amount is we've put some aside every year for three years. We should also figure 800 feet of blacktop for that.

Ridges Sanctuary: Might not effect the general budget, but Ridges Sanctuary has requested sewer be extended to Q. The plan is to do that work yet this fall. What will probably happen is we'll borrow the money and assess the benefiting properties. We charge 1% over the interest. We should keep in mind that we'll be using some of our borrowing ability for that. Jim said we may end up putting a bond together.

Grit removal: This will be anywhere from \$250,000 to \$400,000. Some of the replacement account can be used for it, but we have to make sure we have to take the depreciation, divide it by the cost and put that much more into the fund every year. That also might mean the rates have to increase.

Jim mentioned crosswalks. We'll lose four parking spots for each crosswalk. So we'll have two crosswalks in town. We'll have to do a walk-through in the next year or so.

School Street has been marked on the south side. On the north side, there's so much trees and brush you can't really see it. It's 14 feet from the marks to the edge of the alley. We may have to do something there because Lee Traven is selling his home.

Guy Street really needs sidewalk fixed.

Discuss/decide drainage issue behind Fire Station – Steve shot grades behind the fire station. When you start at the culvert crossing 57 and follow the channel to the west, it's about 1.4% slope. There's an actual trail you can walk that goes to the fire station. They shot grades all the way along that and it's a little over .5%. You generally like to see 1%. You could dig a swale. There would probably be water standing in it, but it would cut everything off coming down to that point and would eventually direct it back to the creek. Both of the lots are owned by Dennis and/or Jeff Hickey. It would mean just a little bit of rerouting where the walking trail is by a few feet. Everything would be on Hickey's property and they are fine with the town going in to correct that situation. Steve would just set some grades. The swale would start right behind the fire station. It's pretty narrow, so the smallest backhoe you can get and a skidsteer. The rules are, even though it's a wetland, you can dig in there, but you can't do grading and you have to haul the material out and deposit it upland. The full distance would be just under 800 feet. We should do this before the weather starts getting bad. No permit is required from the DNR, but Steve does want to notify them. If it's under \$5,000 we can just have the work done. Steve would expect about a foot and a half deep by three or four feet across. Jim will re-verify with Hickeys to make sure it's ok.

Motion made/second Dale/Peter to adjourn at 7:45PM. Carried.

These minutes are subject to correction at the next regular monthly Town Board meeting.

Doug Smith
Deputy Clerk