

**Village of Holmen
Public Works Committee
August 1, 2013**

Chairman Neal Forde called the Public Works Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM on Thursday August 1, 2013. Members present: Forde, Ebner and Anderson. Also present: Administrator Heinig, Director of Public Works Dean Olson, Pat Morrow and Rob Uphoff.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ebner, to approve the minutes of the July 2, 2013 meeting - carried unanimously.

Public Comment

No Comments.

The agenda was modified so representatives from MSA could address the committee.

Action Item

Recommend to Village Board – HWY 35 Forcemain Design contract – DPW Olson provided an overview of the concept to design the forcemain associated with the WWTP Regionalization to be included with the DOT reconstruction of HWY 35 in 2015. Pat Morrow and Rob Uphoff from MSA Professional Services presented a scope of services and proposal for design services to include 100% forcemain design, 30% pump station design to verify the required size of the forcemain, odor control testing and other aspects of the project that will be required to meet the DOT final PS&E submittal deadline of August 1, 2014. The Village will need to begin discussions with the City of La Crosse and the City of Onalaska regarding the agreements that will need to be in place. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ebner to recommend the Board approve the contract with MSA Professional Services for the HWY 35 Forcemain Design in the amount of \$280,002.40 – carried unanimously.

Director's Monthly Report

Sanitary Sewer Department

The WWTP has been operating well. We had some issues with phosphorus testing, but found a chemical in the testing process was generating false readings.

Water Department

A water sample was submitted to WSLH as required. We continue with the meter replacements. The hydrant at Empire and Holmen Drive was hit by a car. The break-away flange worked as it should, preventing further damage to the hydrant assembly. We received a copy of the police report and will be filing with the insurance company. Construction began on the Hwy 35 Utility project this morning.

Street Department

We have been sweeping areas on Main Street in preparation of crosswalk painting tomorrow morning. There were no sidewalk issues to report.

Storm Water Department

Chipping will take place next week. The Deerwood storm pump station had an alarm after last week's heavy rain. One pump was plugged, but was cleared the next day. We continue to clean debris from inlets regularly.

Other

Diggers locates are leveling off. We continue upgrading our mapping program, converting to Autocadd.

Action Items

Recommend to Village Board – Purchase of Chlorine Gas sensor/alarms – During the inspection with the DNR this spring, it was noted that we do not have sensors in our wells. The quote provided by Hawkins Chemical is for a Hydro series GA-170 alarm at \$1,849.00 each. We will need one at each well and along with some electrical work to complete installation. Motion by Anderson, seconded by Ebner to recommend purchase of four sensor/alarm units and have them installed at a cost not to exceed \$8,000.00 – carried unanimously.

Discussion – Placing Change Order – Hwy 35 Utility Extension – DPW Olson informed the committee that McHugh Excavation had provided a construction alternative to the project, utilizing more directional bore installation of water main. The construction plans called for open cut trench method across the drainage way at the south end of the project. The contractor is asking to be allowed to install the pipe by directional bore instead of the open cut. Since the materials are more expensive and the process more costly, they have also asked the unit price for erosion mat, 2" pavement replacement and seen & mulch be changed to a lump sum total. By doing this, the alternate method of construction could be accomplished without changing the contract totals. Director Olson felt there were benefits to proceeding with this and has approved the modifications to the contract.

Discussion – 2014 Budget – DPW Olson provided a breakdown of the 2014 budget items. Most items were comparable to previous years, with the exception of the Jet/Vac truck. The Sanitary sewer maintenance program is using old equipment that has outlived its life expectancy and will need to be replaced. The Public Works department would also like to add a staff person. A more refined list will be provided as we get into the budget process.

Recommend to Village Board – Street patching contract – A list of pavement patching areas was presented to the committee. There are two areas (North Star Road and Staphorst Lane) that will be paid for by contractors. The total amount of asphalt qualifies for the most cost effective unit price. Motion by Ebner, seconded by Anderson to recommend the Board approve the agreement with Mathy Construction for \$11,592.00 – carried unanimously.

Other

There were no other items brought before the Committee.

Adjourn

Motion by Ebner, seconded by Anderson to adjourn at 9:00 PM - carried unanimously.

Dean K. Olson
Director of Public Works