

TOWN BOARD MEETING
Special Meeting
August 30, 2012
6:00 P.M.

PRESENT: Councilpersons: Kevin Armstrong, Leonard Govern, Patty Wood, , Supervisor Bruce Dolph, Hwy. Supt., Walt Geidel, and Town Clerk Ronda Williams

ABSENT: Luis Rodriguez-Betancourt ,Attorney Frank Wood

OTHERS PRESENT: George Norton, Denise Dailey, Tom Dailey and Ronald Fletcher

Supervisor Dolph called the meeting to order at which time he requested that Superintendent Geidel provide an update on Budine Road.

Superintendent Geidel informed the Board that he has worked with the DEC and contractors to come up with a cost effective way for permanent repairs to the Budine Road Bridge. He has been informed by the DEC that modifications to the original application are not necessary.

He informed the Board that he will hire an excavator with operator to assist with the work to involve removal of existing steel decking, replace the abutments with new stone and decking. He estimates the approximately cost to be \$30,000 - \$40,000 with a two week work schedule.

Councilwoman Wood questioned what the weight limit would be? Superintendent Geidel stated he estimates it to be around 100,000 pounds.

Councilman Govern questioned if the used steel decking would be reused? Superintendent Geidel state it would.

Supervisor Dolph stated this is considered emergency work and falls under exceptions to the formal bidding process. Superintendent Geidel stated he contacted three contractors in which two bids came in at the same amount and the third did not respond.

Mr. Dailey questioned if the crossing span could be 20' and if this would then become a County owned bridge? Supervisor Dolph stated before that could happen it would need to be brought up to the County specifications and would cost the town over \$300,000 to do so. Superintendent Geidel stated that was being very conservative.

Mr. Dailey and Mr. Norton both thanked the Board for taking action and stated they were very appreciative. Councilman Armstrong stated the Town has been aware of the issue but needed to wait for an affordable fix.

RESOLUTION #80

REPAIR WORK TO BUDINE ROAD BRIDGE

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood approving the hire of Robinson Brothers to perform emergency work on Budine Road Bridge with an approximate cost of \$30,000 - \$40,000. All in favor, motion carried.

Retired Highway worker Ronald Fletcher approached the Board requesting information on the cost of health insurance through the Chamber of Commerce and stated he was not interested in working 20 hours a week to offset the cost of the insurance. Supervisor Dolph stated he found insurance for \$6,148.32 a year for a single policy. Mr. Fletcher stated he saved the town a lot of money over the years and feels the Town should be able to help him out with the insurance. Discussion took place over additional options and was left that Supervisor Dolph would be in contact with Mr. Fletcher.

RESOLUTION #81

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Councilman Govern, seconded by Armstrong to enter into executive session for the discussion on the proposed Union Contract Agreement. All in favor, motion carried

Entered executive session at 6:25 p.m.

Regular session at 6:40 p.m.

RESOLUTION #82

HIGHWAY CONTRACT AGREEMENT

A motion was made by Councilman Armstrong, seconded by Wood to accept the Union Highway Contract Agreement for January 1, 2011 – December 31, 2015 with the following additional verbiage 1) The \$5,000 insurance pool will not be accessible until the appropriate designated deductible amount is fully exhausted and will only be used for the stated purpose within the agreement. 2) Deductibles will only be reimbursed for appropriate expenses as defined under §213 (d) of IRC. 3) The High Deductible Insurance Plan will become effective January 1, 2013 at which time all eligible receipts shall be dated on or after January 1, 2013 for reimbursement from the HRA (Health Reimbursement Account). Vote: Armstrong, Govern, Wood, Supervisor Dolph – Yea, 0- No, Rodriguez-Betancourt – absent.

With no further business before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ronda Williams
Town Clerk