

Village of Mapleton

HEALTH & WATER COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 5:30 p.m.

Meeting to be recorded

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A. Call to Order 5:30 PM by Liz Rench, Chair

B. Role Call: Committee Members present: Liz Rench and Mike Beecham. Absent, Harvey Stidham. Also present, Rhonda Hodges, Treasurer; Pat Briggs, Clerk, and Fred Rench, Water Engineer.

Engineers from Maurer-Stutz - Steve Arahood and Dan Good were also present to talk about getting the Water tower repair/painting project ready for bidding.

C. Subjects

a. Water Tower Painting/Repair Project

Liz started the discussion by asking the engineers if cathodic protection was needed. Dan Good explained that with the paint and the painting process being so much better now most towers no longer need cathodic protection. He said the last 10-15 tanks they have done do not have cathodic protection installed. He explained that the anodes break off and aren't effective anyway after time. They remove them and weld up the holes before painting. Liz asked if it was necessary to remove them and he said it makes the painting process easier and having the holes welded up before painting makes for a better paint job. The paint over the last 15+ years seals the seams and the steel much better.

Liz said the standpipe wasn't painted when the tower was painted the last time. Dan said if the standpipe has older paint, they will just do a chip test for lead, which only takes a couple of days.

Liz explained that we want to get our bids out as early as possible. Dan said it wouldn't take long to come up with documentation, as they have recently done towers that are very similar. Fred Rench stated that the tower was put up in 1968.

Steve Arahood asked if the water system is asbestos and the committee explained that there is some transite on First Street and Main, but the rest

is plastic.

Liz asked the engineers what they thought the project would be bid at. Dan stated that they just did a tank in Tazewell county that was 100,000-gallon tank that was painted inside and out for \$100,000 and since our tower is smaller, it should be under that. Liz asked if that included sandblasting? Dan said the inside was totally sandblasted but outside was spot blasted. If there is lead there would be additional cost because it has to be shrouded. If the stand pipe is the only lead-based paint it won't be as much.

Liz asked about the time-frame and Dan explained that they want to do the work when it is consistently 50 degrees and above. Steve also stated that when they go out for bid if there is a lot of attention and there are lots of bids it could bring in lower costs. He said there is also a risk with bidding too early. He said he can call his providers and see what their backlogs are. If they're not busy it will give us some information on what the market is looking like. He would look at January or February get it out for bid. Steve will get a proposal ready for us and get it to us. He also asked about funding and whether we're looking into any grants and said it was worth having Jim Cummings look into what is available.

Steve explained that there might be some requested change orders if they discover something that needs to be fixed in the process of painting, and that is to be expected. Dan said that they would put a line in for contingencies at \$5,000 for all the bidders, and additional work could be subtracted from that. If we don't use it, we don't have to pay for it. Mike Beecham explained that the village has set the original budget for \$100,000 so we'd just need to vote on anything above that.

Fritz told the engineers that he has blueprints of the tower system from when it was installed and he will get them together for them. They will copy and return them to the village.

b. Water Accounts (when to write off, when to put liens on property)

A brief discussion was held about turning larger amounts over to the

attorney for tracing and collections and to look at smaller amounts individually if they weren't covered by deposits held by the Village.

D. Additional Business

A. Adjourn Open Session. Adjourned at 6:38 pm

Recorded and transcribed by Patricia S. Briggs, Clerk

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