

# Village of Bellaire

## STREETS AND MOTOR POOL COMMITTEE

Laurie Sexton, Chairman

Butch Dewey

Eldon McPherson

### COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES July 22, 2014 - 1:00 p.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sexton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

2. **Attendance**

**Present:** Chairman Sexton, Dewey (1:04), McPherson

**Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Al Odom, Ken Stead, Chief Rowe, Lori Luckett,

3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was presented. Additions to the agenda were requested.

**Motion by McPherson, seconded by Sexton, to approve the agenda with the additions of sidewalk in front of The Lunch Box and signs at the corner of Bridge and Eureka Streets to New Business. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as presented.

**Motion by McPherson, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes of January 23, 2013 as presented. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

5. **Public Comment on Agenda Items:** None presented.

6. **Old Business:** None presented.

7. **New Business**

- a) **Equipment Replacement:** Department of Public Works Superintendent, Ken Stead, reported that approximately two months ago the loader sprung a leak in the engine block. The loader was purchased in 1977. The cost to purchase a rebuilt engine is \$15,000. The trade in value of the loader is \$13,000. Stead reported that in addition to a new engine, the loader needs new brakes, tires and rotors. Tires cost \$1500 each. He expressed concerns that once the engine is removed the need for additional repairs may become evident. Stead advised the committee that he believes a new loader should be purchased. He stated that he had contacted two companies and had received quotes on a John Deere and a CAT. The Village is able, with the MI Deal program, to purchase new equipment at a reduced price. Stead indicated that the John Deere loader is more expensive at \$177,000. The cost to the Village after the MI Deal discount and trade-in would be \$105,348. The loader available through Michigan Cat is less expensive. A new loader, model 914K, is \$107,066. After applying the discount and trade-in, the purchase price would be \$94,561. Stead presented two options for financing the purchase with CAT Financial. He also indicated that there are some funds for streets and motor pools that have been put aside in a certificate of deposit that could be available. The proposed loader is a little larger than the current loader but has more horsepower. The loader is used for moving and loading sand and salt.

**Motion by Dewey, seconded by McPherson, to recommend to the Village Council that it explore the possibility of purchasing the front end loader from Michigan Cat. Motion failed due to lack of vote.**

After discussion of exploring local institutions for financing options in addition to those presented through Michigan Cat, the following motion was made.

**Motion by Dewey, seconded by McPherson, to recommend to the Village Council that it explore the possibility of purchasing the loader, model 914K, from Michigan Cat for \$107,066 before trade-in, and that it direct the Finance Committee to explore the best financing options available from local financial institutions and CAT Financial for the purchase. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

- b) **Sidewalk in front of The Lunch Box:** Discussion occurred about the height and placement of the awning in relation to the telephone pole. Given the obstruction and the width of the sidewalk in front of this location, snow removal will be an issue. McPherson referenced the property or business owner's responsibility to clear snow, ice and build-up on the sidewalks under Section 101-7 of the Village Code. Chief Rowe indicated that he had spoken with Julie Budas earlier and she believes that she has done what she was supposed to do. Rowe indicated that the awning cannot be lifted. He listed options that he had discussed with Ms. Budas. The first option is to remove it seasonally. The problem with this is the storage of the awning and that overtime the attachments will loosen. Option two is to purchase the awning from her and remove it from the building. Sexton reminded the committee of a third option offered by Ms. Budas at the last council meeting, that she do her own snow removal. Sexton raised the possibility of clearing the sidewalk in front of the other businesses and putting the holder in reverse. Odom explained that the holder clears the snow by blowing it ahead and it is difficult to maneuver in reverse. Discussion occurred about the options and how to address the issue of snow removal. After discussion Sexton requested, than made a motion to address snow removal in front of The Lunch Box.

**Motion by Sexton, seconded by McPherson, to recommend to council that due structural limitations, the sidewalk in front of The Lunch Box not be plowed in the winter time. Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**

- c) **Signs at the corner of Bridge and Eureka Streets:** Sexton reported that the directional signs at this corner are obstructed by foliage. Stead indicated that the foliage will be removed.

8. **Discussion Items:** None presented.

9. **Communications/Informational:** None presented.

10. **Member/Public Comment:** Dewey suggested that the snow removal equipment is old and likely will need to be replaced. Stead will put together a list with the age and mileage for each piece of equipment. Sexton suggested that the committee meet to discuss a 5 to 10 year plan for replacement of old equipment. A meeting will be scheduled in mid to late September.

11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Compiled by Lori Lockett, Clerk  
Minutes Subject to Approval

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_