

Village of Bellaire

STREETS AND MOTOR POOL COMMITTEE

Laurie Sexton, Chairman

Butch Dewey

Eldon McPherson

COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES Friday, September 12, 2014 – 9:00 a.m.

1. **Call to Order:** Chairman Sexton called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.
2. **Attendance**
 - Present:** Chairman Sexton, Dewey, McPherson
 - Absent:** None
 - Staff Present:** Lori Lockett, Cathy Odom
 - Others Present:** Burt Thompson, Antrim County Road Commission
3. **Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved.
 - Motion by Dewey, seconded by McPherson, to approve the agenda as presented.**
 - Motion carried by unanimous voice vote.**
4. **Approval of Minutes:** The minutes were approved as amended.
 - Motion by McPherson, seconded by Dewey to approve the minutes of July 22, 2014 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) **2014-2015 Contracts with Antrim County Road Commission:** Sexton advised that at her request, Cathy Odom had prepared a chart of wages and reimbursement for contract amounts from the Antrim County Road Commission for the last three years. The Village has had three contracts with the Antrim County Road Commission renewing annually for many years; snow removing and hauling within the Village limits on M-88 for which the Village is paid ½ of the total up to \$2500.00; snow removing and sanding on M-88 for which the Village is paid an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00; and street sweeping on M-88 for which the Village is paid an amount not to exceed \$2,000.00. As reflected in the chart, wages paid by the Village and equipment rental payment amounts exceed contract reimbursement amounts. Odom asked why the snow removing and hauling fee was half? Thompson explained that MDOT considers snow removal and hauling to be half from the sidewalk and half from the street. Sexton asked Thompson if it would be possible to receive larger contract amounts considering that expenses have increased but the payment amount has remained the same? Thompson indicated that the Antrim County Road Commission is a “pass through” for payments from the state, and that any requests for increase in reimbursement would have to be presented to MDOT. He advised that the Village of Bellaire is the only local unit with which there is a snowplowing contract. The contracts with the local units are all the same. Thompson stated that he would need a written request from the Village with supporting

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documentation to present to MDOT. Thompson reported that MDOT is trying to cut costs by reducing the use of sand because of the need to sweep it up in the spring. Dewey noted that the cost of salt is increasing significantly this year. After discussion and clarification that the Antrim County Road Commission did not set the contract amounts, rather the amounts were set by MDOT; and that Thompson would act to make the request for increase by the Village, the following motion was made.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by McPherson, to send a letter concerning the three contracts with the Antrim County Road Commission, to Mr. Thompson at the Antrim County Road Commission, including documentation evidencing increased costs to the Village, so that Mr. Thompson can present the letter and documentation to MDOT in support of the Village's request for increased reimbursement amounts in each contract. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Upon passage of the motion, Thompson advised that the request would be presented to the regional maintenance director in Traverse City and that this year's contracts would not be delayed pending the request. Thompson also indicated that Schedule C rates include fuel and depreciation costs and are based on a state-wide averages. Thompson advised that County contracts with MDOT are audited to costs.

8. **Discussion Items:** None presented.
9. **Communications/Informational:** None presented.
10. **Member/Public Comment:** Odom thanked Thompson for attending.
11. **Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m.

Compiled by Lori Lockett, Clerk
Minutes Subject to Approval

Approved: _____

Date: _____

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