

# VILLAGE OF GRAFTON

## BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS MEETING MINUTES

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 2021

### \*Amended

The Board of Public Works meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by Chair Tom Krueger.

Board members present: Trustee Tom Krueger, Trustee Lisa Uribe-Harbeck, Trustee Dan Delorit, and Pat Murray.

Board member excused: Les Blum.

Staff present: Village Administrator Jesse Thyges, Director of Public Works/Village Engineer Amber Thomas, Assistant Utility Director/Engineer Brecken Gries, Facility Operations Coordinator Larry Roy, Director of Community Development Jessica Wolff, Police Chief Jeff Caponera, Village Attorney Mike Herbrand, and Deputy Village Clerk Carmen Courtright.

Others present: Village President Jim Brunnquell, Trustee Amy Luft, Trustee Jim Miller, Trustee Dave Antoine.

### HEAR PERSONS REQUESTING TO BE HEARD

None

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#### Green Bay Road Lift Station Tributary Rehabilitation Construction

Motion by Trustee Delorit, seconded by Trustee Harbeck, to recommend the Village Board approve the Green Bay Road Lift Station Tributary Area Sewer Rehabilitation Project to Visu-Sewer, Inc, Pewaukee WI for a total cost not to exceed \$374,050.

Facility Operations Coordinator Larry Roy explained that the reason for this agenda item tonight is that the contractor is ready to start this project before the cold weather. In 2019, there was an Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) study completed by Applied Technologies for the Green Bay Road Lift Station Tributary Area and the items identified as needing repairs include manholes needing to be rebuilt or replaced, installing new chimney seals and lining sewer mains. The project is too big for the Grafton Utility staff to handle, so Applied Technologies was hired to \*prepare project plans and gather public bids. Two bids were received by the Village of Grafton, one from Visu-Sewer for \$374,035.00 and the other from Insituform for \$772,191.10. Visu-Sewer, the low bid, is over budget, but the 2021 budgeted amount of \$250,000 was just a placeholder due to a lack of a good engineering estimate at budget time. The bid costs were in line with work performed in other area communities and it is believed to be a very fair bid for the work being done. There is money left over in the budget from sewer projects that were not done this year that will make up for this overage.

Trustee Delorit pointed out the unbelievable differences in the two quotes and questioned if Visu-Sewer would be able to deliver quality work for the price quoted. Facility Operations

Coordinator Roy noted that the Village has worked with Visu-Sewer many times in the past with good results and good service. Director of Public Works/Village Engineer Amber Thomas added that they are a very well-known contractor throughout Wisconsin and has no concerns hiring them. She also believes that the difference in the quotes may have been more about Insituform being too busy to take the job and proposing extremely high numbers.

Trustee Harbeck pointed out a typo between the request “not to exceed \$375,035.000” and the bid \$374,035.00. Facility Operations Coordinator Roy confirmed that the bid amount of \$374,035.00 is the correct figure.

Trustee Harbeck also inquired as to when the project would start since this emergency meeting was called. Facility Operations Coordinator Roy indicated that he has the three copies of the documents along with him tonight to be signed by the Village President and other required parties. The documents can then be sent over to Visu-Sewer tomorrow and work is set to start before the end of this week.

Trustee Krueger looked back at the March 2020 I/I study that was completed by Applied Technologies. That study showed the manholes and deficiencies in the pipe, with a detailed estimate of about \$285,000.00, with this bid coming in at \$374,035.00. Trustee Krueger also noticed that there were four sub-basins that were being monitored, but three of the four were not judged to have excessive infiltration, but they were judged to have excessive in-flow from the manholes. Trustee Krueger agreed with everything outlined in the bid relating to manhole rehab, but questioned why this project is not being performed in phases in order to try to stay within the budget. It is possible that after the manhole rehab is completed and flow monitoring is conducted, the majority of the problem may be solved. After the in-flow sources have been corrected with the manhole rehabs, if there is still I/I that exceeds the standards, then we could go back and re-line the sewers. Maybe this portion of the project does not need to be completed at this time; however, if the Village is looking to correct the sewer system for the next 40-50 years and put another \$230,000 into the project, this may be the best solution. Trustee Krueger was looking for Board member’s feedback on performing the work in phases and noted that he wants to be budget conscious with the utility funds. He also wants to be conscious of the fact that the Village has had several rate increases on the last three to four years and is worried about potential rate increases with this additional spending.

Facility Operations Coordinator Roy noted that this project is really a two-prong approach: repairing manholes and re-lining sewers. He believes that only repairing the manholes will identify only how much clear water was prevented from entering the system from the manhole covers. The manholes and the sewers in the Green Bay Lift Station Tributary are some of the worst in the Village and have been problematic in recent years with water in area basements. This work needs to get done at some point. The scope of the work changed slightly from the engineer’s estimate to the current bid, including a different product being used on the chimney seals. The sewers in this area are known to be deficient. There are cracks and spot repairs needed, so the work needs to be done; however, if we wait until next year, the prices will most likely be at a higher cost. Trustee Krueger agreed that was a decent argument.

Motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURN**

Motion by Trustee Harbeck, seconded by Mr. Murray, to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.