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Capital Improvements Committee

VIRTUAL ZOOM MEETING

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

1:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Welcome/Call to Order/Introductions. Present: Libby Heiny-Cogswell, Bernie Mein, Matt Johnson, Clare Buszka, Phil Doorlag, Marc Elliott, Dick Skalski, Mark Worden, Anna Horner, Ryan Russell

Meeting Summary. Motion by Mein Second by Zak to accept the summary of the CIC Meeting held Tuesday November 16, 2021.

Project Updates. Horner provided the following updates on forthcoming projects:

Parkview Ave - 11th St to 12th Street

RCKC was awarded Safety Grant funding for 2023 construction. The Township is pursuing coordination of additional scope to be included during construction. Within project limits, Sanitary Sewer (complete design Stadium Dr to 12th Street) and Shared Use Path, both which are in the respective Township Master Plans. The Township would like to connect non-motorized facilities farther east (Drake Rd) then RCKC project limits and had scheduled meeting with MDOT to review options.

USDA Sewer Expansion Phase I & II

Phase 1 is in litigation and on hold. The Legal Department expects ruling in April. Township approach was to request expedited decision on basis of urgency for health and safety with residents providing affidavits if in situation of currently failing system. Expectation is to advertise for bids as soon possible, assuming optimism and favorable ruling. 2/4 permits are approved, and F&V is responding to comments for others. Schedule flexibility will need to be considered depending on timing to ensure most competitive bids. Interest rates did not change for Q1 2022.

Phase 2 design is proceeding with design for five (5) contracts. Contracts A, B, C, and E are ready to be submitted to RCKC then City. Contract E, Westport North, is still under final design with team working through lift station details and locations. Design team has discussed potential for concrete curb and gutter on Ramblewood Dr and reached out to RCKC on requirements for design. Staff plans to meet with Consumers Energy about streetlight conversions Twp wide and will consider with this project any upgrades.

Big Rock Dr Water Main Extension

This area is in the proposed expanded Groundwater Restricted Zone from KLA Landfill and timely install of water main was determined by KLA group as some new wells have not been

successful. As part of new water contract, system wide expansions and improvements will be completed by Cit. The UPC is still working through details of different types for rates vs connection fees but this one was discussed by all parties and agreed upon (KLA will reimburse City and pay for connections). The topographic survey is underway and expected Bidding is late June with construction starting August 2022. Recent experience with material delays may affect schedule and completion.

KL Ave – Pathway on north side from Drake Rd to The Paddock Apts

MDOT and Amtrak have not reached an agreement for US-131 Bridge replacement.

Township is still moving forward and has applied for two Transportation Alternatives (TAP) grants. Last week staff met with MDOT TAP team to review application and received favorable support. Final recommendation from MDOT and funding amount would be received in early February. KATS has already awarded TAP funds for 2023.

Annual Road Preventive Maintenance (PM)

The RCKC has released the PAR program pamphlet and Oshtemo will receive \$313,479.34. With the budgeted PM from Road Millage of \$535,000, the total budget is \$848,479.34.

RCKC will be providing proposed projects based on asset management program in coming weeks.

2022 Water Rates

The proposed 2022 water rates were shared with the committee and explanation of respective change from new water agreement. Discussion and questions were related to future changes if any, educational components to be included in explanation to Board and public, and timing given work still being completed by UPC.

Motion by Ford Second by Mallet to recommend the 2022 Water Rates to the Township Board for adoption.

Member Comments & Information Items.