

Sherwood Forest Road Maintenance District

Saturday, April 6th , 2013

Committee Members Present: Marty Feit; Clerk Treasurer, Al Bavernik, David Bonney, Gilles Beaudoin, Arlene Adler , Mike McEnerny

Committee members absent: None

Public Present: Craig Willis, Paul Willis, Robert Ronzio

The meeting is opened at:10:30 am

Opening of bids for Two Year All Seasons Contract - Marty confirms that there has only been one bid received. Craig advises that the bid is coming in lower than last year because there were a few things taken out; roadside mowing, tree trimming. Mr. Beaudoin makes a motion to accept the one bid from White Wolf that has come in, Ms. Adler seconds motion; Unanimous Approval. Mr. Bonney advises that they will send a copy of the bid off to the lawyer.

Approval of March 6th Meeting Minutes- Committee members briefly read and review, Mr. Bonney makes a small change referencing the catch basins rather than road grading. Gil makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Al seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Road Superintendent's Report- Mr. Bonney reviews the March Report with committee members present.

Snowstorms- on the 8th and 16th of March.

Work orders for Jester's Lane, Black Arrow Way and Sherwood Drive.

Road Closing signs went up early, due to early mud (March 12th).

Stone was laid down on the muddy roads on the 12th, 13th, 14th.

Sandy LaBonbard called to complain that her road needed to be widened so that she can turn around, David advises that Craig went there to fix that for her.

David also advises that by May 1st they should be starting to do some catch basins. David also explains that there is still a work order out from last year for King Richard Drive.

Public Participation- Mr. Bob Ronzio, 88 Nottingham Court, introduces himself and asks what the bid opening was. Mr. Bonney advises that there was only one bid and it was for \$175,750.00 . Mike advises that the bid reflects the removal of the roadside mowing and tree trimming. Mr. Ronzio questions as to what the bid was last year; Mr. Bonney explains that he doesn't have that figure with him but will get it . Marty states that he has the figures at home and will email them to Mr. Ronzio.

Marty reminds all present that he had an accident going down the big hill on Sherwood Drive. He advises that signs should be put up letting drivers know that it is very slippery when wet and icy. He also suggests that a guard rail should also be considered. Marty informs the committee that he was not driving too fast, just that the

road was very slippery that day. He informs members that he did \$7500 worth of damage to his car and that on that same morning, approximately one hour later, there was another motor vehicle accident. Craig advises that the stretch of road they are referring to is very shaded and that contributes to the tough road conditions. Arlene asks if the road could be altered or a detour created. Marty advises that at this point, he is just requesting that signage be put up to warn drivers of the slippery conditions.

Craig confirms that the sand pile needs to be cleaned up and removed, Mr. Bonney confirms that this needs to be done this week, and at this point they do not have anywhere to store it so Craig will have to take it back. Craig advises that he doesn't want to waste it, so he will go ahead and put it on the roads.

Treasurer's Report- Marty presents the report as prepared to the committee members present. Marty goes over the outstanding bills for the month, advising that they were a little high this month due to all the snow.

Warrant Approval- Marty presents the warrant to the committee members. Marty advises that next month the Verizon bill will be going down, explaining that the current plan has 900 minutes and that is excessive and minutes are never used.

Gil makes a motion to accept the warrant as presented; Al seconds motion; Unanimous Approval.

Committee Discussion-

Budget 2013-2014: Marty passes out last year's budget as well as the new proposed budget spreadsheet for this coming fiscal year. Marty goes over all the figures and offers brief explanations of each for the committee members present.

Marty advises that there is a possibility that FEMA/MEMA may reimburse the district approximately \$18,000. and that if the funds do come through than that will be put back into the Winter Road Account.

Marty explains that he will briefly go over the budget figures as he has worked out. Marty reviews with the members, highlighting decreases and increases that he would like to propose. Marty's budget reflects a 3% increase.

Mike states that two line items need to be added; Roadside mowing as well as tree trimming, as previously discussed. Marty states that he will add both of those accounts. David reminds Marty of the guard rail proposal as well, advising they will need \$5000 to be put into account for that. Marty notes the changes that are suggested by the committee members, re-works the figures and advises that the budget now reflects an increase of 4.3%. Committee members suggest to go up on the winter roads account and leave the general roads account the same, making the winter roads \$110,000. and the general roads at \$97,500. Marty advises he will finalize the budget with the new figures and email it to all the committee members. Marty also advises that they need to send out a massive email to everyone, reminding them to please attend the meeting.

Committee members discuss acquiring a moderator for the annual meeting. In the absence of Steve Rosenthal , committee members discuss having Bruce Garlow moderate the meeting. Mr. Bonney advises that Bruce would be great, however they would have to have a special meeting first to change the bylaw that currently reads that the moderator needs to be a land owner in Sherwood Forest. Committee members express concern of not having a quorum present, and agree that they need to address this issue. Arlene asks how many people need to be present for a quorum; David advises that it is 20 people for the annual meeting, and 15 people for a special meeting. Gil asks if there is anyone in the Forest that could do the moderating.

Annual Meeting- Previously discussed.

Two Year All Season Contract- Mr. Bonney advises that they need to be sure to add an actual date for the bid deadline, as it does not appear in the previous contract.

Land Search- Mr. Bonney advises that there is some land on Price John Drive. He further advises that he has talked to the Town and now needs to go before the Selectmen to see if they can purchase it.

Spring Road Work- Mr. Bonney advises that for now this is going to be limited to the main roads, unless the \$18,000 FEMA reimbursement comes in.

Mr. Bonney states they are going to try some catch basins this year and see how they work out.

Any other business- None

Adjournment- Mike makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gil seconds the motion; Meeting is adjourned at 12:05pm.

Schedule next meeting for May 4th, 2013.

Respectfully Submitted,

Marty Feit
Clerk-Treasurer