

VILLAGE of READSTOWN

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Special Meeting Minutes

02/28/2024

5:00 PM

1. Agenda:

- **2023 Water System Improvements' Project**
 - Funding options
- **Proposed 2024 Stream Improvements – Kickapoo River**
 - Award of bids
- **Adjourn to closed session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(g), for legal matters.**
- **Reconvene to open session, pursuant to Wis. Stats. 19.85(g).**
- **Action, if any is required to be taken in open session, on closed session item.**
- **Adjournment**

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM. Proof of proper notice, posted at Farmers State Bank, post office, and community board. Roll Call, Present: Gander, Arneson, Brock, Goodwin, Nash, Grisham, and Howell.

Bart Nies presents from Delta 3. Presented handouts to board members. DNR is willing to combine projects. All estimates are projected high. 1 million dollars to be given for CDBG grant along with DNR grant money. \$7500 in Village grant administration costs. The Village is first in line for additional grant money from the DNR later in the year if other municipalities were to not have their projects done, we could potentially benefit from more.

Bart suggested to the board 3 options. General Obligation Bond only, Water Revenue Bond only, or 50% G.O. Bond and 50% Water Revenue Bond. The clerk presented current Village loans. After discussion, Nash made the motion to approve funding Water System Improvements Project with Full general obligation bond only, Howell seconded, roll call, all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Bart presented an award of bids for 2024 Stream Improvements. There is no grant money for this project. The Village will receive phosphorous credits once completed determined by the DNR. A short-term loan will be needed. Bart stated the Village will have about 75-80% borrowing capacity left. Bart presented bids to board members. Billy Lepke had the lowest bid but misunderstood Alternate A-Contractor Purchase of Topsoil in which he bid to charge the Village for the soil instead of

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buying the soil. Bart was in contact with Billy and let him know this misunderstanding, Billy said he would reconfigure if the Village chose him for the project. Arneson made the motion to accept Bill Lepke Excavating, LLC. For Contract 1-Stream Improvements Construction only, Nash seconded. Roll call taken, Gander-Yes, Arneson-Yes, Howell-No, Brock-Yes, Grisham-Abstained, Goodwin-Yes, Nash-Yes. Motion Passed.

Closed session not needed as there was no one else present.

Nikki Swayne from ABT Law Office present. Goodwin made the motion to accept Nikki Swayne as the Village's new Municipal Attorney, Nash seconded. Roll call taken, all in favor, motion carried unanimously.

Motion to adjourn meeting at 7:45 PM by Howell, seconded by Goodwin.