

**VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB  
PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Monday, July 26, 2021

The Public Works Committee was called to order on the above date at 6:00 pm in the Board Room of the Municipal Building, 138 E. Main Street, Mount Horeb, WI. Members present were Ryan Czyzewski, Rob Van Domelen, Jason Fendrick, Nate Gauger, and then Beth Hill arrived at 6:04. Also present were Village Administrator Nic Owen, Public Services Director Jeff Gorman, Public Services Foreman Greg Bureson, Police Chief Doug Vierck and Office Coordinator Niki Erickson.

**Consider April 26, 2021 Minutes:** Motion by Fendrick, seconded by Van Domelen to approve April 26, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

**Discussion of snow removal in downtown area:** Gorman explained how the Public Services crew operates when there's snow that needs to be plowed. He explained how they open primary streets first, then move on to secondary streets, then they get to the neighborhood streets. Snow is plowed into parking areas and they can't get back to it until all other routes are completed. Gorman explained that each snow fall is different. Bureson added that skid loaders used for businesses downtown can cause some issues with moving some of the snow, but the department tries to be as efficient as possible. Gorman commended the Public Works staff for working really long hours on their routes and coming back in the middle of the night to clean up and asks residents and businesses to be patient.

**Discuss bulk item trash and recycling events:** Gorman explained how there's two main issues with the event - how busy it is, and traffic concerns. The electronic event being so close in proximity created a lot of the issues. Chief Vierck brought ideas for the traffic concerns. Having both fall and spring electronic events at Sunrise Park instead of Grundahl Park should resolve a lot of the issues. Gorman would like there to be one more staff member and possibly more dumpsters at the bulk item trash event. Measuring truck/trailer loads and increasing the price of the trash event may also resolve some issues. Considering implementing a fee change and vehicle sizes will be possibly discussed at a later meeting.

**Consider five-year capital improvement plan:** Gorman reviewed a five-year plan and budget. He discussed street re-construction history, street maintenance and what streets need to be crack and chip sealed. Board recommends to ask for \$300,000 for the budget. Motion by Hill, to recommend the five-year capital improvement plan with the amendment to the street maintenance to \$300,000, seconded by Fendrick. Motion carried.

**Consider purchase of tandem axle patrol truck:** Gorman explained that this has been in the capital plan since 2016. He got quotes from International, and Western Star. He reviewed prices and warranties. Gorman recommends we move forward, accept this proposal and order the truck, because if we order now, we would have a snow plow truck for next winter. Bureson answered transmission questions and explained how having an extended warranty would be very beneficial. Western Star is the preferred choice. Motion by Fendrick, to approve the recommendation to the Village board to purchase the Western Star truck, seconded by Hill. Motion carried.

**Public Works Report:** Gorman went through his monthly report and answered questions.

**Adjourn:** Motion by Hill, seconded by Van Domelen to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm. Motion carried.

Czyzewski notes that this is the last meeting for Beth Hill and thanked her for her service. Minutes by Niki Erickson, Office Coordinator