

Battle Ground Town Council

Meeting Minutes, January 20, 2020

Attending:

Council Chairman James Miller, Councilors Matt Coppock, Steve Hahn, Greg Jones, Mary Jo Totten; Clerk Treasurer Georgia Jones, Town Supervisor Ron Holladay, Town Marshal Jerry Burk.

Guests: Don McKee, Dan Gemmecke, Steve Egly, Dave Buck, Chris Limiac, Colin Dale, Colin Sullivan, Bill Jones

James Miller opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Community Crossings Matching Grant

Projects for 2020 CCMG grant application were considered. County Road 600 North is a frequently traveled road that is showing significant cracking of pavement. The cold in-place recycle method of milling and paving would provide a 5-10 year estimated life with cost estimated between \$400,000 and \$500,000. By the time that surface needs attention again, it is desired to have ready the plan for a full overhaul of the drainage and address sidewalk issues along with repaving.

The second area that needs work is Tomahawk Lane. The first project there is to improve drainage, then repair or replace the road surface. A cost estimate for the storm drain work in BFS plans is \$390,000. That work is not eligible for Community Crossing matching funds. Sidewalk improvements for ADA compliance should also be addressed.

The CR 600 North repaving project could be ready for the first CCMG applications due February 7. **Motion** by Mary Jo Totten to apply for cold-in-place recycled paving for CR 600 North if feasible, or accept an alternative if not. Second of Greg Jones, motion carried. 5 Aye, 0 Nay

There is a second round of grant applications in the fall, which would allow a few more months of preparation to budget for the significant cost of a project on Tomahawk Lane.

Greg Jones asked if crack seal applications are eligible for CCMG grant projects. Dave Buck said most of the awards for sealing are force account for units that have their own equipment. Any application must identify the location of the work and the number of feet included.

Ron Holladay asked if there was any possibility the owner of the farm land adjacent Tomahawk would allow a tile to run through his property to the ditch on Harrison Road. Dan Gemmecke has contact information for Garth Clark if Ron would like to follow up.

Sewage Master Plan

Colin Dale provided maps and led the council in a discussion and review of project options, which are not dependent on a particular priority order. Due to past issues with sections of the collection system,

his recommendation is to first separate the Hawks Nest lift from Woods Edge force main. The project to consider next is the regional lift station which supports a re-designed flow to the plant and improves operating costs by eliminating one or more lift stations and pumps. The third project would be adding sewer main on CR 600 North to accommodate new customers.

Matt Coppock asked about funding options. Some programs for rural development are not available to Battle Ground. It is probable that commercial development might provide revenue for portions of the projects.

Battle Ground Redevelopment

James Miller would like to gather resources to inform the new council members about what the redevelopment commission might do for Battle Ground and what are the responsibilities of the council regarding setting a direction for town development.

It was suggested that Sally Fahey or Larry DeBoer might be willing to share their knowledge of TIF districts and how Battle Ground might benefit. Greg Jones will contact Sally, Georgia Jones will make the request of Larry.

Matt Coppock asked Steve Egly if there is anything "in the works" for development, any specific projects. Steve commented about the parcels north of CR600 North. The utility may need to bear the cost of sewer extension and price the taps to recover part of the investment. Jerry Burk asked if the land needed to be annexed first. Steve did not think the parcels had to be, but it is necessary to obtain waivers to allow future annexation. James Miller reminded the council of Indiana legislation that may affect how annexation occurs.

Motion to adjourn by Mary Jo Totten, 7:30 p.m.



Georgia Jones, Clerk Treasurer



James Miller, Council President