

Village of Rapids City
February 21st, 2023
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:

- 2023/2024 Budget Planning Meeting –
Parks, Recreation, Cemetery, Public Safety and Public Relations
- 17th Street Funding and Project Award

Trustee Robertson called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Mire, Rankin, Fiems, Robertson, DeMarlie, Fowler 6:18pm

Virtually Present: None.

Absent: Schnieder

Others:

Physically Present: Public Works Director Bump, Clerk Housenga, Treasurer Barber
6:03pm

Virtually Present: Jeff Streitz of Axiom Consultants 6:15pm

Mire opened this Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss budget planning for the 2023/2024 fiscal year as well as 17th Street Project funding and awarding.

Mire began the meeting briefing board that he has been in contact with Blackhawk Bank and Trust to seek bond rates and payments schedules. Mire states he has talked with Treasurer Barber and both are comfortable with a monthly payment in the amount of \$4800.00 at maximum. A bond in the amount of \$600,000.00 would be a payment of \$4,806.62. Mire noted if summer help was not hired this year a savings could occur. Bump explained summer help allows the public works employees to work on infrastructure items and allows for them to take vacations since they are on call all the time during the winter months for plowing. Mire also noted that if no summer help was hired and all Trustees donated back their meeting pay that the village could save around \$10,000.00, by no means did Mire mandate the donations be made. Mire also asked Trustees if they would be willing to donate time to mow to help free up the public works employees. Mire is trying to explore cost savings options since he feels the next fiscal year is going to be an austere year in means of finances. Trustees expressed concerns over liability, health issues, training time, property damage if no summer help were employed. Mire noted if the full \$600,000.00 were to be bonded then this would only leave an additional bonding allowance of \$600,000.00 for emergencies.

Rankin motioned to approve and award the lowest bidder for the Alternate Bid on the amount of \$1,762,849.50 or Base Bid in the amount of \$1,324,148.00 for the completion of the 17th Street Project from Continental Contractors; option of choice contingent upon funding. Fiems seconded the motion. All present members of the board voted yes, motion passes. Discussion took place as to complete the desired full phase of construction as storm drainage could be an issue if not. The State Of Illinois Department of Transportation is waiting on our vote to complete and remedy drainage issues on Route 84. So, to remedy all drainage issues between 17th Street and Route 84 the board would need to fully execute the Alternate Bid option.

Mire asked Clerk Housenga to conduct a price comparison of recreation centers in the area, foreseeing that an increase is most likely warranted due to utilities, insurance and cleaning supplies and services increasing.

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Mire explained that only items that are considered a hazard or a liability will be improved, repaired, or removed as this is going to be a lean year. Fiems will investigate drafting a discretionary spending moratorium resolution for this next fiscal year. Cost savings discussion occurred to allow all community events to still take place. Clerk Housenga presented a rate study for utilities for a future discussion.

Other items budgeted for 2023/2024 Fiscal Year included:

Military & First Responder's Luncheon	\$1,800.00
Senior Luncheon	\$1,800.00
Halloween - Candy, RCFPD & RICO Sherriff's Dept.	\$650.00
Christmas	\$300.00
Easter	\$300.00
Donations	\$2,000.00
Park Equipment	\$15,000.00
Cemetery drive way	TBD

With nothing further to discuss Rankin motioned to adjourn this meeting at 7:03pm. Robertson seconded the motion.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk