

Town of Johnstown
Polk County, WI

Minutes of Special Town Meeting of the Electors
Tuesday, June 20, 2017

In the absence of Chairman Mike Anderson, Supervisor Richard Naessen called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were Supervisor, Joe Zaspel; Treasurer, Sue Rouzer; Clerk, Deanne Moravitz and 10 town residents.

Agenda – Seeking approval to purchase work truck for township road maintenance.

Supervisor Naessen presented the proposal for the Town of Johnstown to purchase a work truck for township use. 2017 3500 Reg Cab Chassis 4x4 base price \$27,633.
Dump Box, Plow and Sander Attachment \$23,859.
Total Estimated Cost of proposed truck: \$51,522.

Supervisor Zaspel reviewed plowing and sanding costs that have been paid to Polk County in the past 3 years for a total of \$42,390.22, which averages \$14,130.07 per year. He also provided the current Polk County Highway Departments Blacktop Patching fee schedule that totals \$62.10 per hour for patching plus the cost of materials. Monarch Paving charged \$3094 in August of 2016 to patch over the culvert installed on 220th. Fahrner charges \$25 per square foot for patching. These patch jobs could be completed by our town employee with help from supervisors. Currently town employee, Brad Chase is using his personal truck to pull the dump trailer when doing small patch jobs and hauling materials for the township.

Discussion from residents followed:

Chris Crowe asked if we have the ability to load sand; Road salt/sand would be purchased thru the county or local provider and would be loaded on site.

Daryl Bremer asked about the sander attachment; The attachment would be mounted on the truck and feed from the box – with the ability to remove it when not needed for sanding application.

Joe Franzen asked where the truck would be stored when not in use. Storage space would be rented from a local facility.

Chris Crowe asked if the truck/sander could be used for small driveways; The township does not currently have a sanding agreement established for residents. This will be considered. In the case of emergency and/or for safety, driveway sanding requests would be evaluated and considered case by case.

Supervisor Zaspel presented financing options for the purchase.

Rates quoted from local financial institutions ranged from 2.27% on a 5-year term loan, to 2.40% for 12 months. Discussion followed including the fact that we presently budget \$25,000 annually for the purpose of equipment purchases and upgrades. It was suggested that a portion of those funds be used for down payment and finance the balance based on what our lender is willing to negotiate. By a show of hands, all were in favor of this option. Cumberland Federal Bank will be the lending institution.

Proposal for the purchase of a town truck with dump box, plow and sander attachment at an estimated cost of \$51,522 was brought to a paper ballot vote. Chris Crowe and Ruby Ritchie acted as ballot counters.

Yes = 13, No = 2. Approved.

There being no further agenda items, Motion by Daryl Bremer and seconded by Ruby Richie to adjourn the Special Meeting of the Electors at 6:55 p.m.