



Meeting: Village Board
Meeting Date: 08/27/2012
Agenda Item: 7c

Mission Statement

Delivering quality services in a courteous, cost-effective and efficient manner.

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING STAFF REPORT

REPORT TO: Burt R. McIntyre, President
Village Board of Trustees

REPORT FROM: Geoffrey S. Farr, PE, Director of Public Works

AGENDA ITEM: Public Works Report:
1. Brown County Solid Waste Contract
2. Veterans Memorial
3. Cat Island
4. Public Works Laborer Position

Brown County Solid Waste Contract

The Village has been working with Brown County and the other local municipalities to put together a long-term waste contract that maintains long-term complete disposal costs and one that encourages utilization of emerging technologies with the potential to reduce tipping fees. One of the emerging technologies that has been influencing the progress of contract approval is the OEI gasification plant that would yield some savings. Unfortunately OEI has not moved forward with plant construction and contract commitments as quickly as we have hoped. Contract negotiations and approval are in part dependent upon what happens with OEI and other large regional customers. Brown County is currently considering approval of a Solid Waste Contract with a tiered rate structure at \$40, \$41.20 and \$43 per ton depending on a customer's contract status. The Village will be at a rate of \$41.20 per ton as of January 2012. Upon signing the new contract the rate would drop to \$40 per ton. The Village disposes of approximately 4,000 tons of waste per year.

Veterans Memorial

Village staff is refining construction plan concepts, reviewing materials and construction methods for the Veterans Memorial in order to update construction cost estimates. Original cost estimates provided by an outside firm were significant, and staff is preparing alternatives to lower the cost. Trustee Bredael, Ad Hoc Committee member John Walschinski and I have met to review monument options and various plan details.

Cat Island

Brown County has nearly completed the site access road to the edge of Green Bay to the beginning and restoration of Cat Island. The USACOE is current taking / reviewing bids on the subsequent phases of construction, which is scheduled to begin in October and continue into the summer of 2014. This phase will be much larger than the County project and will build a roadway all the way to the mouth of the Fox River. Set your calendars if you would like to attend the ground breaking ceremony set for October 19. Staff had some initial concerns with planned roadway maintenance and restoration for Lineville Road and Bayshore Drive that has resulted in

some lengthy conversations with the Corps. The Corps for legal reasons is prohibited from making verbal or written commitments of any sort even in regard to restoration but we feel that language worked into the contract will be sufficient for maintenance. The Corps will not firmly commit to a new layer of asphalt at the end of the project until they see that we are left with a significant amount of patching. The situation will be monitored as the project progresses to be reviewed again toward the end of the project.

Public Works Laborer Position

Staff has reviewed applications for 99 applicants and interviewed several. Background checks were conducted on the top two candidates. A conditional offer of employment was extended to the top candidate and after several days he declined the position. The second candidate is currently considering the offer and will inform me of his decision on Monday.