

Town of Platteville Monthly Board Meeting Minutes

Monday March 11th,2024

(APPROVED)

Town Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Tom Weigel at 6:00 P.M.

Members present: Dan Smith, Tom Weigel, Dave Klar, Nathan Niehaus, and Valerie Martin.

The clerk verified that the open meeting law was met. Notice was posted in 3 locations, and the website. WWW.TOWNOFPLATTEVILLE.COM

The agenda was reviewed. Motion by Martin to approve the agenda as presented, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The minutes from the February meeting were reviewed. Motion by Smith to approve the minutes as presented, seconded by Martin. Motion carried.

Klar presented the treasurer's report. Total account balances as of March 1st were \$691,561.21. Motion by Smith to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Martin. Motion carried.

The bills for the month were reviewed, totaling \$8053.29. Motion by Martin to approve the bills as presented, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The gravel and sealcoat bids were opened and read by the board members. All prices are per mile. Scott Constructions bids were \$24,372 for single seal with dirty chips and \$26,875 with quartz chips as they are unable to secure washed chips at this time. Fahrner Asphalts bid was \$25,673 for washed chips. Scott Construction also gave a bid of \$48,444 for double seal, and a bid of \$200 per hour to vacuum excess chips off the road after sealing. The board discussed the different bids, type of work, quality of work from each contractor, and different types of chips that can be used. Motion by Smith to table awarding the bid to next month and require that both companies submit a new bid with washed and dirty chips, seconded by Martin. Motion carried. J&N Stone submitted a bid for road gravel for \$11.20 per ton.

Chip and gravel debris in road ditches and yards was discussed. J&N Stone gave a price of \$135 per hour to go around and sweep up with a skid loader bucket attachment the excess chips from sealcoating off the roads if the residents get them raked up onto the road. Residents in attendance felt this would be helpful. Motion by Martin to approve the quote from J&N and have them work with Kurt to remove the chips from the road over the next few weeks, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The potential connecting power lines and windmills were discussed. Niehaus stated that he had talked to the town's attorney and was told that the ordinances that were given to the board for potential approval had some flaws with them, but she would be able to draft a document if the board decided they wanted to proceed with a moratorium. Residents were concerned with health effects, property values, noise, the flashing lights and seeing them across the land. Weigel stated that he feels the county needs to be involved in the process as the town is under county zoning, and that individuals need to be talking to the county board and other lawmakers. Martin feels that the moratorium will buy some time for a more informed decision to be made. Smith asked if individuals have tried talking to our representatives as he feels it needs to be the state and county working on the matter. Motion by Martin to have a special meeting on Monday March 18th at 6:00 p.m. for a vote on a moratorium, seconded by Smith. Motion carried.

The City of Platteville Bike and Pedestrian Plan was discussed. Discussion included the problem of there not being enough pavement to allow for a bike or pedestrian path on Golfview Drive. Residents and members present were also concerned about a crossing on Highway 80, there isn't enough site distance for people to cross safely. The additional traffic was also a concern for those present. Residents that live on Golfview in attendance asked for the board to deny the approval of the path. Motion by Smith to deny approval of the Platteville Bike and Pedestrian path going through any part of the Town of Platteville, seconded by Martin. Motion carried.

Chad Droessler asked if Major Lane was going to be getting seal coated this year as it has some bad spots. Residents expressed how grateful they are of how plowing has been getting done. Niehaus stated he had a call from Jeff Scott regarding cleaning up his ditch, so he can mow it again. He said that he was able to mow it before the road work but now is unable to do so. Kurt and Tom will investigate this.

The board placed the checks in envelopes for the bills to be paid.

Motion by Martin to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Smith. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 P.M.

Nathan Niehaus-Clerk