

Town of Russiaville, Indiana  
Special Meeting  
Russiaville Town Hall  
February 12, 2020

Council Present – Jeff Lipinski, Don Parvin, Pat Reel, Myrna Claar, and Greg Landrum

Jeff Lipinski opened the meeting.

Midwest Paving was the lowest bidder; however, Megan received an email from them stating they were requesting their bid be withdrawn due to an error in the amount of the bid.

Therefore, Don Parvin made a motion to accept Baumgartner Asphalts bid. This bid was the lowest bid, reviewed by the town's attorney, and everything was in order. Craig Thompson said there was a road (Western Drive) that was talked about in the pre-bid meeting that was not on their quote. This would make their bid go up to \$137,869.00. This still makes them the lowest bidder. Craig stated we would request \$103,344.00 from the state for the grant, and our match would be \$34,448.00.

Jeff Lipinski asked when the state awarded this money. Craig said the grant has already been approved, he just must request the money by February 18, 2020. Greg Landrum seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Greg, Pat, and Myrna voting for passage.

Pat Reel had a quote from Brad Howell Ford for XL F350 gas engine pickup truck bed. There is a quote on there for a bed delete if we wanted a service body on it. \$31,410.56 with bed delete. If we order by 2/15/2020 it will be \$30,250.00. With the bed, it will be \$30,750.00 by 2/15/2020.

There was also a quote from Buttons for a Dodge truck of the same caliber, it was about \$10,000.00 more than the Ford.

There was some discussion about where the funds would be taken from. Don Parvin thinks we could take some money out of New London, Wastewater, MVH, and possibly LRS.

Myrna Claar asked if we needed a new truck. Don Parvin said the one we need to replace is 12 years old.

Craig Thompson said that does not include the trade in. Pat Reel said he thinks the trade in will be between \$8,000.00 and \$11,000.00. The old plow should be traded in with the truck and keep the plow that is on the truck now for a backup. The toolboxes for the bed and the new plow and bed mat will be extra. The plow is about \$6,780.00 plus 600.00 for installation, and around \$1,500.00 for box and bed mat. Craig said we could do spray in bed liner, but he would rather it come from the factory that was verses aftermarket. There was some more discussion about this.

Don Parvin made a motion to buy the Ford truck from Brad Howell Ford with trade in of the 2008 Dodge and old plow, toolboxes and bed mat too. Myrna Claar seconded. Greg Landrum said something about loyalty to one brand. Pat Reel said we would have a Dodge and a Ford. We are spreading the love around. Jeff said once we get exact numbers we will decide where we will take the funds from for sure. The motion carried with Don, Myrna, Pat, and Greg.

A quote for a Grasshopper mower was presented. This will replace the 0-turn that has over 600 hours on. This would be a front mount deck, diesel. The quote is \$13,700.00. The quote on one with a gas engine is about \$1800.00 cheaper. Pat Reel said the diesel will last longer, about twice as long as gas. We would have to find out the trade in value of the 0-turn. Greg Landrum asked why Craig liked the Grasshopper. Craig would like to have a front mount deck for going around all the trees, maintenance, it is easier on the hills, etc. Greg Landrum asked about buying the old mower. Don Parvin thought we would have to auction it off. Greg said it would probably just be easier to trade it in.

Don Parvin made a motion to purchase the diesel Grasshopper mower. Pat Reel seconded, and the motion carried with Don, Pat, Myrna, and Greg voting for passage. Jeff said we would probably take the money from equipment after finding out the trade in value.

There being no further business to discuss, Don Parvin made a motion to adjourn. Greg Landrum seconded, and the meeting came to an end.

Jeff Lipinski, President

Megan Reel, Clerk-Treasurer