

RUSHCREEK TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING
08/12/15

The following notice was placed on Rushcreek Township website along with sent to the Lancaster Eagle Gazette.

Rushcreek Township Trustees will hold a work session at 7AM on August 12, 2015 at the Township office, 213 Marietta Street. The purpose of the work session is to discuss the chip/seal project and purchase options for the truck and snow removal equipment.

At 7:05AM Trustee Hart Van Horn called the special meeting to order. Those in attendance in addition to Hart were: Trustee Dave Myers, Fiscal Officer Connie Moyer, and Road Superintendent Robert Suer.

Robert presented the Trustees with the proposed chip/seal project to begin the week of August 24th. Pumpkin Vine Road will be prepared for the winter however the chip/seal will be delayed for this year. Durbin Run Road 400' approach will be cold patched and sprayed should the emulsion be available. Tentative start will be August 24th working 10 hour days till the project is finished. Anticipated workdays will be between four to five days. Former Trustee Ed Pool has volunteered to give us 2 days at \$1.00 per day and will donate the amount back to the Township. Portions on each of the following roads will total approximately 7 miles of chip/seal: West Point, Borah Hill, Holiday, Marietta Loop, Oak Hill, Thomas, and Locust Grove. Estimated cost for materials only is \$64,000.00.

It was planned to do 8.1 miles of chip/seal but with the rainy season the preparation work has caused delays.

Robert advised that he needs approximately \$5,000.00 more than was approved at the last meeting for cold patch mix. The next meeting is November 19th and if the board waits until then for approval, there would not be adequate time to finish the prep work prior to the August 24th start date. After discussion, Hart made a motion to approve the additional \$5,000.00 for cold patch material and Dave seconded the motion. Roll Call: Hart, aye; Dave, aye.

Bill arrived at 7:28am. Hart advised him that we were almost done with the chip/seal discussion. Bill stated he was late due to his tooth having infection. Hart stated that at the last Board Meeting Bill informed the public that he was taking pain medication for his back that caused him to be unable to get out of bed, answer the phone, or attend meeting commitments. If our personnel is being treated with narcotics, the Township requires them to provide a doctors release in order to return to work. If Bill is having all of these medical issues as he has pointed out in so many past meetings, he should provide documentation that he is fit to work on this project. Bill stated he would be available to operate the chipper box as he was now taking Aleve. Bob pointed out that in order to operate the chipper box, one needs to be able to get up and down the ladder. Hart stated that with Bill's back in such a state, perhaps consideration should be made to hire temporary labor for just the chip/seal week. When Hart had researched a temporary service providing a worker in the past, he stated the cost was around \$25.00 per hour. This included all employee benefits. After discussing the Trustees advised Hart to contact an agency to provide two workers during the chip/seal project which would add an additional \$2,500 to Contracted Services as there is already an allocation in that line item.

Bob reminded the Trustees that the cost for two snow plow blades would be close to \$18,000.00. He recommended that if the Trustees are going to purchase a new truck in 2016, this idea be put to rest.

Prices were obtained from Bob Boyd Ford with State Purchasing Price of \$44,287 – 2015 or \$41,285 – 2016. There is approximate \$4,000 difference between the 450 model and 550 model. In addition the body company will add an additional \$26,851 which includes; dump bed, plow, and spreader. This will take between 4 ½ to 5 months for delivery.

Dust mats were discussed. At this late time and the rainy season, the Trustees decided to not proceed with dust mats for 2015. However, it was suggested that we try building a foundation for dust mats with crushed asphalt. After the chip/seal, Bob was instructed to do a couple test areas to see if this would be feasible. If so, when the winter supply of crushed asphalt is ordered the quantity will be evaluated to include dust mats for 2016.

Connie reported that the 2nd half real estate settlement will require some appropriation changes. The following appropriation changes were approved:

\$740.00 from 2031-330-228 to 2031-330-314

\$700.00 from 2192-330-360 to 2192-330-314

Meeting Adjourned: 8:15AM

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