

Berne Storm Water Utility Management Board
Regular Meeting
Monday April, 16, 2018
Berne City Hall 4:00 PM
Minutes

Present: Board members Ron Sprunger, Kent Liechty and Ernie Steiner along with Storm water director Shannon Smitley, Secretary of Record Becky Sprunger, and City attorney Dave Baumgartner along with Mayor McKean. An agenda was posted at the door.

Ron called the meeting to order and verified a quorum

Comments by Citizens if not on the Agenda None

Approval of Minutes On a motion by Ernie Steiner and a second by Kent Liechty, the minutes of March 21, 2018 were unanimously approved as written.

Center Street Storm Water Project Shannon began the discussion updating the board on the Center Street Drainage Project and that if the board would approve, the Nussbaum Street area could be included, which would provide the drainage needed if the old school property were to be developed in the future. Ben Adams, Commonwealth, added that this would be a wise project to undertake since the work will be done close to the school and equipment and manpower will already be committed to Center Street. Ben added that if the old school property were to be included in the Center street project, the pipe size would need to be increased from 12 inches to no less than 15 inches.

Shannon advised the board that he would suggest asking the current owners of the old school property to help with the cost of upsizing the pipe to 15 inches if the board decides to include the old school property. The board agreed by consensus that this would be of value to the property owners as it should decrease their need to provide onsite detention if there would be any future development there.

Dave asked if upgrading to an 18 inch pipe would provide more detention of storm water, Ben said he would know after making a study of the project. Ron asked if the city would share in the cost of the project, and Shannon advised that this is strictly a storm water project and would come out of the Storm Water budget. Ben encouraged the board to bid the project with two sets of specs, one using 15 inch pipe and one using 18 inch pipe. The old storm water line on Nussbaum Street will be abandoned, but could be useful in carrying some capacity. There was added discussion about bidding the 12 inch pipe separate in case the school property owners did not wish to participate.

Ernie made a motion to Bid the project using alternative bids for 12, 15 and 18 inch pipe sizes. Ken made the second and the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.

Ben presented the board with the contract for Commonwealth to proceed with the Center/Nussbaum street project. The contract was approved by consensus.

LTCP Update Ben updated the board on the Executive Summary of the LTCP. The Citizen Advisory Committee had been meeting to discuss, review and advise the city on the best way to control and capture the remaining storm water in the system. The city has to have a plan that will capture a 10 year one day rainfall event. The CAC was given different methods to consider and it was their recommendation that separation projects continue in Phase 1 at a projected cost of \$ 4,740,000 and a storage and release project for Phase 2 for a projected cost of \$12,295,975. IDEM has reviewed and given their approval. Phase 1 will be a sewer storm water separation project along California, Water and Brown Streets at a projected cost of \$ 4,740,000 and a completion date of 2020-2021. Phase 2 us a storage and pumping project for wet weather storage with a start date of 2023 and a completion date of 2025-2026 at a cost projected of \$ 12,295,975. Ben advised the board that it is possible after Phase 1 is completed and evaluated, the pipe size in Phase Two could be reduced along with the cost.

Commonwealth Task Orders: Ben advised the board that in the past, he has worked with Task Orders for basic engineering services so Gwen can budget and make payment on smaller claims as bills are submitted. Ben presented Task Order 2018-2 for \$10,000. Kent made a motion to approve Task Order 2018-2 subject to review by SWUMB attorney Dave Baumgartner. Ben then presented Task Order 2018-1 for the Center Street project for a total of \$7,500. Kent made a motion to approve Task Order 2018-1 for \$7,500 and Ernie made the second. Both motions were unanimously approved.

Mowing Detention Ponds Shannon advised the board that in the past, the pond rims and grassy areas have been maintained by Shoaf Lawn Service. This year Shannon said he was approached by another independent business who does seasonal yard work and landscaping asking if he could quote the mowing at the ponds. Shannon advised the board that Shoaf is a commercial business, and has been reliable and done a great job. Shoaf has also taken upon himself to treat the rims and grassy areas with weed control, clean up the trash from the rip rap and does so above and beyond what he charges. The board agreed that Shoaf has proven himself year in and year out. On a motion by Kent Liechty and a second by Ernie Steiner, the board unanimously approved using Shoaf again this year. The motion was unanimously approved.

Residential Interim Storm Water Rate: Shannon advised the board that he will be taking a proposal to the council asking for a change in how new residential construction is assessed a Storm water fee. Shannon stated that he would like a single interim rate of \$ 21.00 at the time a water tap permit is issued. Then the property's impervious areas will be measured and a final rate will go on the utility bill at time of occupancy. The board agreed by consensus that this makes sense, keeps property's from falling through the cracks and having only two different rates with the interim and the final calculations.

Pizza King Letter Shannon explained that the letter discussed at the March meeting was drafted by City Attorney Baumgartner and delivered to SBK. Shannon then met with them to review why they were underbilled and that the new rate would go in to affect, but the city was not going to back bill them. Shannon said the meeting went well.

Other: Ernie asked about the street sweeper and that it would help clean storm water grates. Mayor McKean advised that the street department is waiting for the weather to moderate to be above freezing before the truck will be filled with water. Hopefully it will be out soon.

With nothing further to come before the board, the meeting was adjourned.

