

TOWN OF SOUTHBRIDGE

A JOINT MEETING OF THE D.P.W. SUBCOMMITTEE and TOWN COUNCIL

Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at 6:00 PM

VETERANS ROOM

Minutes (draft)

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call DPW Members: Councilor/DPW Chair Michael Marketti - Councilors Joseph Daou (absent), Gus Steeves Citizen Members: Steve Lazo and Kevin Splaine. Town Manager, Michael McCall, Acting DPW Director Matt Desjardin.
3. Consider and approve Joint DPW/Town Council Meeting Minutes of June 21, 2022. Motion by Steeves/Second by Splaine 4-0
4. Citizens Forum: None
5. Discussed extension of the contract for HVAC System & Control Maintenance for Various Town Buildings with Renaud HVAC for FY23, the third and final year of the contract, in the amount of \$28,973.18. Entertain a motion to recommend approval of this contract renewal to Council. Matt Desjardins discussed extension of the HVAC contract renewal final of a third of 20-21 Renaud HVAC contract for preventative maintenance. Matt states on a side note he has a serious problem with the contract. He questions why all projects need a facilitation manager. The Town Manager discussed possibility of partnership with School but the Receiver has neither agreed nor disagreed with the proposal. The Town Manager stated to the Receiver where and why it would be beneficial to both sides. The Town Manager also stated they would have to locate the funds needed. Motion by Splaine/Second by Lazo 4-0
6. Discuss bid results for Road Improvements 2022. Entertain a motion to recommend awarding the contract for Road Improvements 2022 to the low bidder, Pioppi Construction, in the amount of \$951,499.50 for the base bid only, not including Alternate 1. Matt confirmed two bidders: Pioppi and Lynch. Matt removed Moon Street and Coombs Street awaiting National Grid and to keep within budget. Matt confirmed he is using excess reclaimed material but still has his doubts about Pioppi based on the Paige Hill Road project. Town Manager confirmed he also discussed bid results with Pioppi. Motion by Lazo/Second by Splaine 4-0
7. Discuss the amendment to Tighe & Bond's contract for Sludge Conveyance Upgrades to provide additional construction phase services for a fee not to exceed \$9,500, to be funded from Account #600440-583000-23583 (FY23 Tech Support Capital Budget). Entertain a motion to recommend approval of such contract amendment to Council. Councilor questioned why change order was issued April 19 which at that time no change in cost occurred. Motion by Steeves/Second by Splaine 3-1
8. Discuss transfer of \$31,842.00 from account #610450-583000-91250 (Water Capital Reserve) to account #610450-583000-22580 (Water System Capital) to cover the cost of two HydraTech invoices for emergency services related to the South St water transmission main activation and

the High St water main break. Any excess funds will be available in System Capital to cover any last-minute reimbursable expenses by the Water Department. Entertain a motion to recommend such transfer to Council. Matt explained the main gear that works at an angle broke off causing water main break. When asked why it broke, Matt indicated the gear is around 50 years old. Motion by Steeves/Second by Splaine 4-0

9. Discuss transfer of \$1250 from account #001499-524300-0425 (R&M of Buildings & Grounds – Town Hall) to account #001499-524300-0499 (R&M of Buildings & Grounds – DPW Operations) to cover up to three invoices from Renaud HVAC for work at the DPW. Entertain a motion to recommend such transfer to Council. Committee member Splaine concerned on the number of requests for repairs to HVAC on 6/9/22, 6/15/22, and 6/22/22. One was noted as being in the operations room and one for 1250.00 to Renaud HVAC for work at the DPW. Committee Member Splaine made a motion to postpone. After further discussion confirming by the Town Manager that monies will not be available for FY22 if invoices are not paid within the next week. Motion was withdrawn and payment confirmed. Motion by Splaine/Second by Lazo 4-0.

10. Discussion on the status of the Main Street project repairs and traffic signals. Matt and Town Manager reported on Lynch offer to resolve the Main Street project. A request was made to provided a presentation with regards to the traffic study. Splaine asked on progress of filling Main Street potholes. Lynch offered to resolve included more mill and overlay. As for cross walk signals, allowed 2 additional seconds for pedestrian to cross the street. Left turn arrows on Main Street at Elm and Central Streets not recommended as this would slow down the flow of traffic.

11. Discussion on the status of replacement of the town hall carpets. Matt reported they received quotes from Central Floor Covering and Al Brousseau flooring. Awaiting receipt of quotes.

12. Discuss status of the Dog Kennel. Town Manager reported that information from McClure who is assisting the document package required.

13. Discuss the sidewalks in front of the Wells building on Marcy Street. Splaine discussed sidewalks in front of Wells. Matt confirmed the sidewalk on Main Street was repaired but the one in front of Marcy is not.

14. Discuss the trench work by National Grid throughout town. National Grid today paved Worcester Street today after waiting 18 months. A discussion on the possibility of stopping National Grid. Matt stated they could deny permits and state their requirements are incompatible with the Town, charging permit fines.

15. Adjourn. Motion by Splaine/Steeves 4-0