



Special Village of Trout Valley Board Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2021

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trout Valley, Illinois, was held on January 6, 2021 via Zoom. Notice of the meeting and the agenda were posted at two prominent places in the Village of Trout Valley.

President Robert Baker called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. Trustees present: Robert Antrim, Walter Graf, David Hall, David Peterson, Kristin Purtil, and Ann Somers. Also present were, Treasurer Laurie Almeraz, Clerk Tonia Gonzalez, Comptroller Rick Haning and Counsel James Kelly from Matuszewich & Kelly, LLP.

2.0 Public Participation

None

3.0 Old Business

3.1 Stormwater Project Contract

Mark Bartlett, the Village consultant, solicited bids for the stormwater project to replace 800' of pipe under Trout Valley road. Bids were received from Berger Excavating Contractors, Bolder Contractors, and Lima Excavating Contractors.

Comptroller Haning reviewed the Stormwater Proposals Financial Summary. The bids ranged from \$352k to \$366k after estimated adjustments were taken into consideration. The consultant will follow up with the bidders to ensure all requirements are included in their bids. He hopes to have all bids reviewed and will provide his recommendations at the next meeting.

Discussions held regarding potential hidden project costs with sewer and stormwater lines. Mark Bartlett to consider using American Vector to utilize cameras to get a better view of the underground pipes. He reviewed the bid requirements he requested, including a performance bond and insurance. President Baker confirmed Mark Bartlett's role to ensure all contract obligations are filled and bidders meet the requirements.

Comptroller Haning reviewed the Trout Valley Stormwater Project Cost sheet, which did not include the Trout Valley road repair. Stormwater bidder cost was estimated at \$370k plus a contingency of \$35k for a Estimated Total Project Cost of \$420k. Financing costs are \$28k, to bring the total cost estimate to \$448k.

3.2 Financial Model of Bond Offering Impact on Village Finances

Comptroller Haning reviewed the Financial Model Assumptions document. Models were based on the amount of the Bond and the financial impact of the potential Bond amounts. He reviewed the financial assumptions used and the 2016-2020 Receipts, along with the Compound Annual Growth Rate thru 2025. Discussions held regarding potential revenue enhancements. Comptroller Haning encouraged maximizing use of restricted funds, to retain financial flexibility in the General Fund.

Comptroller Haning reviewed the General Fund Disbursements document. Total Fixed Cost Base is \$36k with an increase of 2% annually. Discretionary spending minimally estimated at \$30k annually.

In a review of the Financial Impact of a \$550k Bond, assumptions for the model were reviewed. First payment would be 12/15/21, which is the next fiscal year. Comptroller Haning reviewed the spending options to consider as a scope of the project/loan. The model does not include \$60k for 2021 TVA Road Repair project. At the next special meeting, Trustees will vote to approve the bond offering & amount, bidder of the project and what the total project should include. Comptroller Haning utilized a “middle of the road” approach using historical figures in determining the financial impact of the bonds. Repayment of principal & interest would run through 2033. Comptroller Haning supported borrowing more than the cost of the project to serve as an insurance policy for unforeseen items that the Village needs to fund. Discussions held regarding repayment of bond.

Counsel Kelly informed Board that use of MFT funds must be for a public purpose and can be used for repair and not replacement of private roads. In addition, the Village does not own the stormwater sewer and therefore cannot use MFT to repair torn up Trout Valley road. If a portion of Trout Valley road is dedicated by the TVA to the Village then MFT could be used.

Discussions held regarding potential bond amount and alternate projections. President Baker felt a Bond in the amount of \$550k-\$600k would utilize \$500k for stormwater project and enough to replace a portion of Trout Valley road.

Comptroller Haning will prepare documents to show the financial impact of various scenarios as requested by Village Trustees.

The next Special Village Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 19th at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom.

4.0 Adjournment

There being no additional business to come before the Board, President Baker requested a motion to adjourn, which was proposed at 9:16 p.m. by Trustee Hall and seconded by Trustee Purtill.

Voting Aye: Trustees Antrim, Graf, Hall, Peterson, Purtill and Somers

Voting Nay: None. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Tonia Gonzalez
Village Clerk