

LITCHFIELD CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
LITCHFIELD FIREHOUSE, 258 WEST STREET

Call to Order: Chairman Fran Carpentier called the regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Present: Members present were Fran Carpentier, Raz Alexe, Sean Fogarty, Michael Kostecki, John Morosani, and Denise Raap.

Absent: Members absent were Amaechi Obi, James Koser and Erich Marriott.

Approve Minutes

a) Regular 12/13/22: Motion: J. Morosani moved and M. Kostecki seconded a motion to approve the regular 12/13/22 meeting minutes. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Review Department Requests

a) Public Works: R. Alexe noted his handout on the benefits of a truck wash system and cost benefit analysis. His proposal is patterned after an operational truck wash in Norwalk, CT and is compatible with the bid they procured in 2018 with 20% escalation added. He asked the Committee to look it over when they can. He then mentioned he has been consistent in the amount Public Works has asked from Capital as evidenced by the prior 2021/22 requests. He reviewed past projects that were completed that were in Capital two years ago. The 22/23 projects are done or in process, showing that all capital money is being used efficiently.

Bridges

R. Alexe explained the assessments for \$10,000 and the Marsh Road Bridge preliminary engineering (\$15,000). Brush Hill Road Bridge has failed inspection, and he is proposing a dual pipe system that will meet standards, last 35-40 years, and qualify for the 50/50 State/Local bridge program (\$268,500).

Major Roads

Campville Road will cost us close to \$200,000 from Mason Hill Road to Hopkins, so our portion has to increase by \$150,000. Next, Aquarion had done some improvements that have caused serious pavement issues on Circle Drive Ext. and Highland Avenue, and they need \$291,703 to repave. They are expecting a check from Aquarion to help, and he is negotiating with them. Next R. Alexe presented East Litchfield Road from Buell to Wheeler Roads (\$375,000) in order to complete that project that was suspended by using the money instead on Camp Dutton Road. They are ready to bid it out in January. Next, he would like to replace the pavement and tops of catch basins on Meadow, Wolcott and Westover Streets (\$476,214). Next, Naser Road needs to have drainage done (\$200,000), as it affects Naser and East Litchfield Roads. On Wigwam Road, R. Alexe suggests doing drainage and using the 6 inches partial depth reclamation and keep the road at the same elevation (\$70,000).

Vehicles and Equipment

R. Alexe summarized the vehicles and presented the dump truck replacement he is proposing for \$70,000. Next he summarized the importance of other fleet equipment that will be needed in the following years and the benefits of a truck wash in prolonging the trucks' lives. He described the backhoe with attachments that are very useful that will be needed in the next cycle. Next he highlighted the process of hauling our own debris with the rolloff truck, saying it has paid for itself in three years and they are

covering costs. They will need a cab and chassis in a couple years to continue this work. He concluded his presentation with mention of the other large equipment items requested in the out years.

Adjournment: **Motion:** R. Alexe moved to adjourn at 7:43 p.m. and S. Fogarty seconded. All voted in favor and the motion carried.



Denise Raap
Secretary