



## **MINUTES OF THE MILLVILLE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**

**June 27, 2023 @ 7:00 P.M.**

1. **Call to Order:**

Mayor Belinko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the **Pledge of Allegiance**.

**Present:** Mayor Ronald Belinko, Deputy Mayor Sharon Brienza, Secretary Joseph Parent, Treasurer Peter Michel, Council Member Robert Wisgirda, Asst. Town Manager Eileen Scerra, Town Manager Deborah Botchie was absent.

2. **Citizens' Privilege:** None.

3. **New Business:**

Mayor Belinko opened the floor to discuss and consider possible vote on the bid for the Evans Park parking lot improvement. He stated that we are getting \$100,000 grant toward it so we're not absorbing the full price.

Mr. Andrew Lyons of GMB gave a detailed report on the bids received. There were two bids submitted, one from Terra Firma and the other from Thompson and Sons contracting. We are recommending the lowest responsive bid, which is Terra Firma in the amount of \$280,430.45. That does include the contingent items which they have to have authorization to be able to use.

Mayor Belinko asked what is required from DelDot?

Mr. Lyons explained that there was nothing more required.

Mr. Wisgirda asked about contingent items mentioned if they're going to need some kind of permission from DelDot.

Mr. Lyons said no, that would come from the town or GMB. Schedule B which is density testing that's going below subgrade. Those are just in case we've already got the number, so it wouldn't be a change order later.

Mr. Parent asked to talk about the scope of the work involved and if there is excavation.

Mr. Lyons explained that they're paving and taking all the existing gravel up and all the concrete surface up and paving where the gravel and the concrete surfaces are. There is also 400 linear feet of flat curb that is going in, so that area between the stone parking lot now and where the playground is

right now, it just goes into grass. That is the same curb that is in the asphalt path that goes to the track. That same curb is going in the rest of the parking lot that doesn't have curb now to save the asphalt. They've got to excavate lower than the stone bed is now. We did the DelDot section so that the parking lot holds up. It is a municipal facility, it is 8 inches of stone, 5 inches asphalt.

Mr. Wisgirda summarized, so we are looking at A-1 removal and disposable with almost \$60,000. Then you go down to A-2 and install base course. It almost looked like they were removing and then selling it back to us.

Mr. Lyons stated that no, if they had to remove it all that it would be higher. It would be much closer to the other bids on disposal costs if not more.

Mr. Wisgirda asked how much of a base do we have for the stone that we have on there now.

Mr. Lyons replied that there's 8 inches total, but two of those inches are not usable. The top layer of stone that's an inch to two inches thick, which is at the top stone, they have to remove.

Mr. Parent asked if there is excess stone will we be able to utilize it at the new pole building?

Mr. Lyons replied that they are stockpiling for us instead of removing that as long as they keep it clean.

Ms. Brienza asked to confirm that it will be striped now as well. Mr. Lyons replied yes, there is striping in there.

Mayor Belinko asked what the time frame is?

Mr. Lyons replied that they have 40 days. We're looking at a tentative date to start on July 24th and end on September 4<sup>th</sup> with a weather contingency. That's for substantial completion. If they're not stripped and the parking bumpers that would still be considered substantial because it can be used.

Ms. Brienza asked Are we planning on putting up any signage prior to when that parking lot won't be usable to let people know ahead of time?

Mr. Lyons replied because the park will be open, they've got to provide safe pedestrian access. There are very small areas that will not be paved.

Mr. Wisgirda asked if it is complicating it by not closing the park down.

Mr. Lyons replied that it would be hard and would need a lot of policing to keep the park closed.

Ms. Brienza restated that we should put up some sort of signage to let people know that the parking lot won't be available.

Mr. Lyons continued, unfortunately, there's not a very good time to view this project. July and August are typically the drier times, so that's the time that you can do it the fastest.

Mayor Belinko stated that it will be online, and he thinks a special alert should go out to Parkside because they'll hear all that construction started, and thinks folks are just glad that paving the parking lot is on the agenda.

Mr. Wisgirda continued with his concern that if we're replacing a pervious medium with an impervious medium and where will that water go? Is there something we should be looking at as far as drainage?

Mr. Lyons explained that it's not pervious now and there is no need for drainage piping because the park was originally designed for either black top or gravel.

Mayor Belinko asked if there were any other questions from Council and to vote on the motion?

***Ms. Brienza made the motion to accept the bid and approve that project.***

***Mr. Michel seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0 to approve.***

Before adjourning, Mayor Belinko made some comments: We're looking at the growth of our communities and as their HOA's are having private events, we're always looking at our ordinances to bring them up to date. Deputy Mayor Brienza has brought to our attention food trucks in town developments. We are hoping to have an ordinance to address the issue. Any other comments by Council?

Mr. Wisgirda commented, I know we've been discussing this, and I know the other surrounding towns have been hopping right on it for multiple reasons is the recreational marijuana situation.

Mayor Belinko replied that we are working on an ordinance based on recent state law changes made regarding recreational marijuana.

Mr. Wisgirda continued that a lot of people don't realize just because the states are saying that it is legal, it still is a federal crime to possess it.

Mayor Belinko repeated that we are working on the ordinance.

4. **Announcement of next meeting** – July 11, 2023, at 7:00 p.m.

5. **Adjournment**

***Ms. Sharon Brienza made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Mr. Joseph Parent seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.***

Respectfully submitted,

Elizabeth Kain-Bolen