

Village of Rapids City
September 20th, 2022
Committee of the Whole Meeting

Committee of the Whole Meeting to discuss:
Public meeting to review and discuss 17th Street improvement plans and phases

President Mire called the meeting of the Committee of the Whole to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call:

Physically Present: Robertson, Fiems, Fowler, Schnieder, Mire and Rankin

Virtually Present: None.

Absent: DeMarlie

Others:

Physically Present: Clerk Housenga, Public Works Director Bump, Brian Boelk of Axiom Consultants

Virtually Present: None.

Mire opened this Committee of the Whole Meeting by handing the floor to Brian Boelk of Axiom Consultants. Boelk reviewed the materials that were presented at last week's Regular Board Meeting pertaining to Phase 1 of rehabilitating 17th Street, which included projected costs, potential cost reductions, and outline of the Public Meeting to be held on September 27th, 2022. Problem solving discussion took place pertaining to shifting the location and ground coverage of each phase of rehabilitating 17th Street in order to make each project phase affordable. The entire 17th Street rehabilitation is estimated to cost \$1.85 million without contingency. Currently, estimates for Phase 1 is coming in at \$1,101,000.00 without contingency as design stands.

Mire expressed he was not interested obtaining additional funding to make Phase 1 come to fruition as we should reserve the remaining borrowing capacity in case of an emergency.

Rankin would like to move forward with applying for the RAISE Grant. Rankin stated if a sidewalk is needing to be added to gain appeal and approval of the RAISE Grant then add it. Boelk noted a memo dated April 11th, 2022, that detailed the merit ratings of each segment of the project for the grant, which at that time it was deciphered that the project did not hold enough weight to qualify for the grant. Next application letting for the RAISE Grant is next spring. Boelk stated grants are being reviewed to verify applicability pertaining to this project.

Fiems advocates pushing forward with the project now rather than pushing it off further to avoid inflation of costs. Fiems would like to see a realistic listing of resources to meet the options provided.

Schnieder stated he wishes to see more options that include a simplified scale of the current design but still withhold the value.

Robertson would like to revisit video gaming to help subsidize costs without raising taxes. Future discussion will take place at another meeting.

Bump would like to address just the hill, just past 7th Avenue A down to 5th Avenue, as the hill is the problem.

Directives were given to Boelk as to how pricing and options for each phase are desired to be presented at the public meeting. The meeting will be held in the Community Center next Tuesday, September 27th at 6:30pm.

With no further business discuss Mire thanked Boelk for his time Robertson motioned to adjourn this Committee of the Whole Meeting, Fiems seconded the motion. President Mire adjourned by consensus of the Board at 8:09pm.

Missy M. Housenga
Village Clerk