

Street Committee Feb. 13, 2008

The committee looked at equipment being requested by the Service Department. The piece of equipment would replace the backhoe currently used only for loading salt. This unit is a 1989 vintage machine and has been used to clean streets of snow, loading salt, fixing water leaks, repairing sewers and other appropriate uses for many years, by the service department. There have been issues with the backhoe being a problem when working around traffic or other obstructions and not being able to clean the sewer plant drying beds. The backhoe hasn't been used as such since track hoe was purchased.

The front end loader we have been trying out has preformed well for street snow removal and salt truck loading. The size and operation of the loader would work well with cleaning drying beds at treatment plant without damaging sand base layer where skid steer would run the risk of tearing up, we would also use this machine when repairing water leaks, installing water lines and other construction activities, since it will be more mobile and could be driven to the site. The committee feels that we should see where this takes us. Funding would come out of Street equipment reserve, Water Fund and Sewer fund, if Council would decide to go forward. We have a good price for the 2007 loader, the the Village has tried out, but we would need to advertise for a comparable unit with our trade-in, since this is a used machine. The new unit is a state bid item if we decide this is a better way.

The Clerk should prepare a Resolution, to advertise for bids for Council approval at the next meeting.

Discussion was had on parking issues on North Cherry Street during school bus loading and unloading times. The revision to ordinance will be brought to Council at the next Council Meeting.

Went over scheduled paving within the Village this year, \$95,000.00 budgeted, and scheduled paving for next year. Dan has put together a spreadsheet with Streets listed and when any paving has been done and type of paving used. Using this report we have the ability to forecast future costs and type of paving to best utilize finances.

Dan went over a grant that Poggemeyer obtained for the Village of Montpelier with ODOT, for safe sidewalks and bike paths to allow students a safe place to ride a bicycle or walk safely to school. The program is called "Safe Routes To Schools".

Meeting adjourned.

Darrell Levings