

Town of Deposit Highway Committee Meeting  
April 17, 2024 at 10am

The meeting was started at 10:15am with the following people present: Councilmen- Robert Mills, Highway Superintendent-Ryan Tiffany, Supervisor-Rebecca Walley, and Deputy Town Clerk-Elizabeth Polomcean.

Hwy Supt.Tiffany wanted to discuss the purchase of a tractor and boom mower. He stated that the current equipment will make it through the season but with the lead time for the steel for the boom mower, which is 32-34 weeks, it is something to think about now. He stated that Eklund Family Farm Machinery, Inc. does have the tractor in stock with more currently on order.

Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated that the tractor and mower would have to be two separate purchases because Eklund does not sell the mower and Stephenson Equipment Inc., the mower supplier, does not sell tractors. He stated that both companies were at the recent Hard Hat expo so they Highway Crew were able to get in a tractor that is similar to what he was looking at.

Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated that there were two prices for the mower that he was given. One is with only one head, the other has two heads and a quick coupler. He stated that the second head and the quick coupler can be added at a later date. He also stated that the quick coupler will make the tractor worth more if it is sold in the future.

Supervisor Walley stated that she was concerned about adding another big purchase after the truck was just approved at the last meeting. Supervisor Walley asked about maybe getting a used tractor instead of new. Councilman Mills stated that used could work but there could be an issue which is why the tractor is for sale. Supervisor Walley asked if either the tractor or the mower can be financed? Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated that he has not looked into that as of yet but he will check into it.

Hwy Supt. Tiffany stated that the Town can sell off the old unit at the end of the season and use that money to go towards a lease payment for a new one. We can do a minimum starting bid. Discussed may want to wait until early spring to auction when more will be looking for a mowing unit. Hwy Supt Tiffany feels tractor in good shape and a rough estimate for auction is \$10000 to \$15,000.

Supervisor Walley will work on cash flow for paying for the tractor with the remainder of machinery capital expense (DA5130.2) and fund balance so not

costing the taxpayers. Then check into a lease for the mower. So can see if it is feasible to budget starting 2025.

Meeting ended at 10:40am.

Respectfully submitted  
Elizabeth Polomcean  
Deputy Town Clerk