

MINUTES

ST. STEPHEN CITY COUNCIL – SPECIAL MEETING: LOCAL ROAD IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM
APPLICATION FOR 6TH AVE SE aka TOWNLINE ROAD

October 24, 2017

CALL TO ORDER: 6:00 PM PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All together.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cindy VanderWeyst – Mayor, Jeff Blenkush, Gene Skaj, Danita Traut, Thomas J. Vouk – Council, and Cris Drais – City Clerk

ABSENT: None.

Mayor VanderWeyst began the meeting by bringing the Council up to date on the Local Road Improvement Program. The application is due on November 3, 2017. As such, the Special Meeting was called by the Mayor in the event that the Council approved moving forward, City Engineer Randy Sabart would have enough time to complete the application on behalf of the City vs. discussing the topic at the Wednesday, November 1st Council Meeting.

The project was begun through the Townline Road Coordinating Committee. LeSauk Township is submitting an application for monies so work can be done on Townline Road in 2019. St. Stephen can also submit an application for monies for 2019. One concern was that if an application was submitted for the same year as another entity along Townline Road, would the money be divided between entities or would one take away money from another entity.

Regarding the entities along Townline Road:

LeSauk Township is submitting their LRIP (Local Road Improvement Program) application for monies to be used in 2019 for repairs to Townline Road.

St. Wendel Township is not interested in participating.

Brockway Township is not interested in participating as they recently redid their portion of Townline Road.

Sartell is handing their portion of Townline Road over to LeSauk Township for application submission as they are submitting an LRIP application for Pinecone Road.

Mayor VanderWeyst shared that one concern for the City with waiting to submit an application after LeSauk Township is that the program might not always be available.

One plus for the City regarding its application being looked favorably upon is that 6th Ave SE is a connection to Brockway Township's portion of Townline Road and 40th St N which connects to Pinecone Road where the new Sartell-St. Stephen High School is being built.

The Council discussed the application and condition of the road. The application would be submitted to the MN Department of Transportation. The request would be for \$750,000.00. In reviewing the estimates created via a site drive thru, the City's estimated project cost was calculated to be \$939,788.00.


Jerome Supan, City Road Overseer, was in attendance and asked what type of work would be done on 6th Ave SE and at this time that information is unknown.

Jeff Blenkush made a motion to request Stearns County sponsor the City of St. Stephen's application to the MN Department of Transportation for a Local Road Improvement Program grant of \$750,000.00 (as listed in Appendix A of the application) for 6th Ave SE and that the application be completed by City Engineer, Randy Sabart. Danita Traut seconded the motion. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Jeff Blenkush made motion to adjourn. Gene Skaj seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:13 PM

Respectfully submitted,



City Clerk



Acting Mayor