

**Amberley Village Council – Streets, Public Utilities, and Sewer Committee
Minutes of August 17, 2018**

In Attendance: R. Warren (Chair), R. Bardach (Member), E. Hattenbach (Member), T. Muething, S. Lahrmer, W. Brown, and T. Chesney

The meeting was brought to order.

The minutes from the August 10, 2018 meeting were distributed. The minutes were accepted as submitted.

There were two items on the agenda, (a) the 2018 rock salt bid and (b) application submission to the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC).

2018 Rock Salt Bid: The Village has been quite fortuitous the last few years. Between very mild winters and the construction of a new and expanded salt barn, there was no need to purchase salt last winter. Last winter was more harsh however, and consequently the Village needs to return to a formal purchase program. The Village does not bid on its own but is part of a consortium of several jurisdictions. In this way the Village can secure better pricing. For this round we are part of Hamilton County and 13 other jurisdictions. Bids were submitted by three vendors (see attached) and the lowest bid was from Cargill at a cost of \$78.46 per ton (the highest bid from Compass Minerals was \$86.34). This still represents a considerable increase from the \$52.51 pricing of our last contract 2 years ago. Since we have salt on-hand, we do not anticipate having to purchase salt until January, 2019. The contract calls for a guaranteed purchase of 1000 tons. Mr. Hattenbach moved that Council approve the contract through Hamilton County to purchase 1000 tons of road salt at a cost of \$78.46 per ton. Mr. Bardach seconded the motion, and the motion carried 3-0.

OPWC Application for Road Improvements: In the past the Village has submitted applications to OPWC for road improvements on North and South Farmcrest and to the Municipal Road Fund (MRF) for Kincaid. The high cost for these street repairs (>\$1.5 million) necessitates a source of grant funding (see attachment). Unfortunately, our prior applications have been turned down. As these are competitive grants our ‘total point score’ has not been adequate. In an effort to improve our chance of success the Village Manager recommends that we increase our contribution to the total cost of these projects from 30-35% to 50% for the OPWC grant and to 33% for the MRF grant . This will maximize our chances based on cost contribution to the project. If the applications are approved the source of Village funding will be from our Street Fund and Storm Water Utility. There will be a Resolution brought before Council to approve the submission of the grant applications.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Chair: _____
Ray Warren