

Watab Township Meeting Minutes

September 14, 2020

Township Engineer Work Session – 9am

Board Members Present: Julie Johnson, Steve Wollak, Bill Little

Public Attendees: Cliff Allen, WSB

The work session was called to order at 9am. The purpose of this meeting is to publicly discuss the three initial interviews for township engineer.

The board was impressed with all three engineering firms and their presentations. Steve Wollak spoke directly to WSB and stating that he liked the local connection (Kevin Kruger) and that they were a St. Cloud office. Julie Johnson spoke to Bolton & Menk's extensive experience with MS4 and Ordinances and working with the MPCA. She also stated that a drawback was that they were not a local office.

Bill Little affirmed that all three firms were acceptable.

Chair Johnson asked Supervisor Wollak and Little what their choice was for the final two. Steve Wollak voted for WSB and Bolton & Menk. Bill Little affirmed the same choices. Julie Johnson also stated that she would like a second interview with WSB and Bolton & Menk. Steve Wollak made a motion to move to second interviews for township engineer, Bill Little seconded. Motion carried.

Cliff Allen, Moore Engineering asked the question why Moore was not considered for a second interview. Julie Johnson spoke to the fact that the board had no issues with Moore but desired a break from the prior engineering firm and staff and looking for a fresh start and perspective on our roads. Steve Wollak also affirmed the same choice. Both affirmed that there were no significant issues with Nick Anderson (formerly of Bogard & Peterson, now with Moore Engineering) but that it truly was a move to a fresh start with a larger firm that can help with MS4 (Ordinances & Annual Reporting) and the quiet zone documentation, plus having new eyes review our significant road issues.

Cliff Allen thanked the board for their honest answer.

Bill Little made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 930am. Steve Wollak seconded. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 930am

Submitted by Julie Johnson, Chair