

**Lanesboro City Council  
Special Meeting  
Thursday, September 15, 2016  
8:00 a.m.**

**Present:** Robin Krom, Jason Resseman, Tom Dybing, Tom Smith, and Autumn Johnson

**Absent:** None

**Visitors:** Judy Wilhelm, Michael Brown, Bill Swanson, Phil and Kathie Rogers, Ceil Allen, Mary Bell, Brian Malm, David Haugen, Bridget Chadwick, Loren Tufte, Kristin Mensing, and Everett Johnson.

**Call to order the Special Council Meeting:** (Mayor Krom) 8:00 a.m.

- A. Insurance Waiver: Member Resseman motioned to approve the insurance liability waiver form. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Motion carried all in favor.
- B. Mayor Krom introduced the discussion of the Auburn / Zenith road project. Brian Malm with Bolten & Menk Engineering gave an overview of the handout showing several different options the Council could consider. Other options were questioned; Malm noted that the options given to the Council were using best practices provided and did not recommend anything less than these options. It was noted that placing in a stub in the main for a possible future development in the area between the Cemetery and Rick Lamon's property is needed. A question was also brought forward regarding the lot size of the cemetery, it was noted that the footage was estimated using the odd lot size configuration. Malm also reminded the Council that they will need to consider if the assessment is reasonable based on benefit for each property. Malm also noted that the Council could consider different value's to properties, as long as all like properties are treated similarly, therefore the Cemetery could be assessed a lesser value than residential properties.

The City's financial advisor, Mike Bubany was also present to provide information on the options being presented. Bubany explained the figures, and terms being presented, noting the affect that each would have on tax payers and rates for tax payers. Discussion was had regarding the potential future Wastewater Treatment Facility. It was noted that if this project comes to fruition there could possibly be grant money available.

The Council asked Malm to recommend an option, Malm replied with options 1A, 1B, and Phase 2 Overlay for the upper portion of Zenith Street. These options totaled just over \$1.4 Million. It was noted that although the bond would be for 10 years, the assessment to the property owners could be stretched out further, 15-20 years.

Ceil Allen thanked the Council for recognizing the importance of maintaining Zenith Street. Loren Tufte shared that he did not see the need for curb and gutter adjacent to his property. Phil and Kathie Rogers inquired if they would see a loss of their yard due to the road construction. It was noted that the current street is 24-30 ft. wide, the projected street width after construction would be 25 ft., and for this reason Malm did not feel that there would be a large impact to their property. Kirsten Mensing addressed the Council noting the impact that future projects will have

on taxes and fees for businesses. Judy Wilhelm also expressed concern for the condition of the Park Road. Administrator Peterson noted the Council will be considering this project for the 2017 budget year.

Malm advised the Council to take action to approve the road project at the October meeting or consider approving an option to move forward with survey work. The survey work would be much easier to complete without snow on the ground.

**Adjourn:** Member Resseman motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 9:18 a.m. Member Dybing seconded the motion. Discussion was then had regarding a plan to move forward. It was noted that Administrator Peterson will provide further financial information regarding the project for the Council to consider. The Council will then consider this project at the October 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting. Motion carried all in favor, meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michele Peterson  
City Administrator/Clerk