

February 20, 2018 Special Meeting with Twin Bridges School District

Council Members in attendance were Matt Greemore and Annette McLean. Nolan Frandsen, Joe Willauer and Davey Banks were absent. Also in attendance from the Town were Mayor Tom Hyndman, Clerk/Treasurer Kristi Millhouse, and Maintenance Supervisor Sam Novich. Members from the School that were in attendance were Superintendent Chad Johnson, Clerk Joyann Breakall, School Board members Joan Phillips and Gary Konen, and School Principal Tammy Damien.

Guests included Jeremiah Theys (Great West Engineering), Randy Lower and Steve Janzen (School), and George Breakall (School Maintenance).

Chad Johnson opened meeting at 6:09 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Jeremiah Theys spoke on behalf of Great West Engineering regarding the 6th Avenue project at the School and what is to be expected with the TAP Grant. There is a 13.42% grant match which will be approximately \$44,000. The total project with the match will be \$331,706. Jeremiah does not expect any work to occur at the earliest, fall of 2019 but recommends waiting until summer of 2020 so it coincides with the school year. Montana Department of Transportation (MDT) will be doing all of the work and they will be working with the community, the Town and the School. This makes less work for the Town and the School. Jeremiah also commented that MDT has not picked the engineering consultant yet but it should be finalized by April.

The second piece of the project does not have any grant money and consists of stormdrains and a traffic flow project. The stormdrains need to be installed in order to resolve the water issue, if we wait to do the stormdrains until later then we will not be resolving the water issue on 6th Avenue and the current DOT project will need to be dug up. The second phase of the project is \$424,513 which includes a traffic study.

Annette commented that the Town is not expecting a commitment from the school at this point. This meeting is more of a fact finding meeting at this point.

Further discussion followed regarding phase 2 of the project, how to cut cost, and how to come up with the extra funds. The school is on board with phase 1 and everyone agreed that both the School and Town need to take a further look at the books and get a better idea what each can contribute and what we can do to get the funds. The School and the Town will meet again in two months.

Meeting ended at 7:03 pm.