



Road Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 30, 2018

L. Johnson called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm.

T. Nelson said the purpose of the meeting is to discuss issues with billing. Knife River is over-billing for quite a few things and he does not know why.

L. Johnson asked if this has all been paid. K. Wood said we have not received the invoice they are saying that is late.

L. Johnson asked about the bill on Eifer. The neighbors were charged about \$2,100. The Township did not pay for it. They gave them a check directly.

D. Milles asked if we can bring some criminal charge against them because it is fraud.

T. Nelson said bump outs are not \$7k. There was a verbal agreement for \$40 a bump out.

Knife River increased the bid about 30 percent for another half inch of blacktop.

J. Pelawa said M. Fehrman should have a quantity for each road and to let Knife River justify it to Lent. They need to justify why their quantities are more. J. Pelawa said the next step is for M. Fehrman to measure the roads.

The cores are not done because 'their guy' is in Iowa. K. Wood and M. Fehrman figured out core locations on Friday. J. Pelawa said there is the option of doing more cores than just the four per road. D. Milles confirmed that M. Fehrman will be there when they take core samples.

T. Nelson said they should have a meeting with Knife River.

J. Pelawa said that Knife River needs to be told that the cores need to be done next week.

C. Cagle said *we* need to let them know that no checks will be issued if no cores have been done.

L. Johnson said he is going over the list and they have over-billed on almost everything. He asked about the curbing. T. Nelson said they added curbing because they needed it on the south end. There was discussion regarding overbilling.

T. Nelson said the only way to know what is going on is to have Knife River look at our numbers and explain them.

L. Johnson asked if they fixed the 1" deep spot on Ivywood. M. Fehrman said they cut an 8 x 6 spot and made it 3" deep.

T. Nelson wants them to explain why they are overbilling \$100k.

R. Keller said all 13 miles need to be measured.

J. Pelawa said to tell them to get the cores done this week so there can be a meeting next week to identify the deficiencies.

L. Johnson asked when they are bidding square yards why are they so much variance between the numbers. R. Keller said it just depends on the time. J. Pelawa said it depends on the width of the road. It is easier to do a wider road.

D. Chelberg said he can help M. Fehrman measure the roads.

J. Pelawa said this is why you bid per segment. They gave a price per road segment and were able to look at each road.

L. Johnson said once they get the roads measured, they need to talk to the billing department. T. Nelson said they want to talk to Todd and Kerry because they are the one who give them the numbers.

\$575,773.32 has been paid so far.

D. Milles said originally more roads were going to get done, but they had to change some widths and thickness.

T. Nelson said the money is a little misleading because a couple roads are on there and not broken out.

T. Nelson said the issue they need to figure out is not that they are \$93k over. Grand includes 335th Street. Hemingway is included in 320th. He has an issue on Kale Ave. They measured Kable at around 700 feet. D. Milles said it is about \$50k over.

L. Johnson asked if everyone was able to re-bid when they went to 2" from 1.5". J. Pelawa and T. Nelson said no, it was a change order.

C. Cagle said they have been down this road before and it was the Board's due diligence to have it in writing. T. Nelson said they have the paperwork. The only thing they do not have is the bump outs. The bump outs were 18" deep.

D. Milles asked if *we* tell them we are not going to pay it, what are they going to do. T. Nelson said he has already talked to P. Tiede and he said they are not going to fight it.

R. Keller confirmed with M. Fehrman that no tack was put down.

T. Nelson said, "the people (residents) have told us (the Board) to do this and it is not our fault that they did it with them" (Knife River).

J. Pelawa said they will not know until they take the cores. Until then, there is no determination on anything. The Township needs to obtain the hard data.

J. Pelawa said do not let them do a slurry seal.

L. Johnson said the deficiency is unknown and it might be too late in the year to remedy the problem. They will not get paid until they do.

R. Keller said they should have ensured that the blacktop was at least 2”.

L. Johnson said the deficiencies should be identified for next year. He believes they should hold off and start again in 2020. T. Nelson said he does not agree with waiting another year. People are excited for the paving.

D. Stiers said he was at the meeting that the people from 318th Street came to and believes they would come to every meeting.

T. Nelson said there should be some wording about the deficiencies being done by a certain date.

T. Nelson said they should have another meeting next week.

M. Fehrman said four cores per Ivywood Trail is not enough.

J. Pelawa said give Knife River a deadline of Friday and call American Engineering and Testing tomorrow. They just drill holes. They are 3” cores. November 2, 2018 the cores need to be done or AET will do them and they will be charged. The charge will be deducted from their bill.

L. Johnson said R. Keller talked to Todd and he was supposed to have someone up here Monday.

T. Nelson said this should not come from M. Fehrman. R. Keller should call Todd. They need to understand that this is what is going to happen. They have already had two weeks. R. Keller is going to call Todd. They have until the close of business on Friday. M. Fehrman is going to call AET tomorrow morning. J. Pelawa told M. Fehrman to fill out the tally sheet. M. Fehrman has not marked the core spots yet because it was raining.

T. Nelson said just the Board will meet with Knife River. J. Pelawa should be in attendance.

C. Cagle asked what happens if they walk away. R. Keller, “We dig into their bond”.

There was discussion about which roads are left to blacktop, ditching that needs to be done on 302nd, when the bidding process should start for next year, double chip versus blacktop, oil pricing, and roads that require repairs.

NEXT ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15 6PM

M. Fehrman made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:47 pm. L. Johnson seconds. All in favor, motion carried.



Road Committee Member



Becky Schule, Deputy Clerk