

Black Brook ad hoc committee meeting 05-21-24

Called to order by Dale Wood at 6:10

Roll call: Janell and Matt Bell Isle, Dennis Carson, Dale and Jamie Wood and Glen Clausen

Purpose of meeting; Discuss and review tour and plan

Jamie Wood presented power point and observations of interest of buildings of other towns.

1. Alden shop has four doors and steel frame. *Alden has attached meeting offices and rest rooms.*
2. Clear Lake shop and town hall. L. p. gas in floor with supplement furnace. Floor drain is near the entrance of overhead doors. Roadman has restroom and shower.
3. Clayton shop and town hall. He feels it is too small, narrow and low. Clerk and treasurer share office, which should be separate.
4. Garfield shop has both in floor heated and cold storage plus upstairs. *Garfield has a separate house they use for office and town hall.*
5. Lincoln shop and town hall are together. It has bath and shower, cold storage, tarp salt and sand storage. They have a Meeting room, treasurer and clerk.
6. Turtle Lake has center drain, four-foot side walls. *54 feet deep to accommodate snow plows.* In-floor heat. Roadman has office. Town hall is separate. Old shop is cold storage.
7. Waterman's has a service pit. They have 20 foot sidewalls, floor heat and supplemental.
8. City of Amery. \$90,000 salt shed

Berghammer Construction estimate \$750,000. They have drawings.

Erik wants a presentation for the June 24 meeting.

Discussion and thoughts.

- a. We need to get final decision from Blanchard's
- b. We need to contact other contractors such as Eckwall, Lester's and Kuhl's.
- c. Jamie said we need 8 to 10 acres.
- d. Jannel asked if we need a salt shed.
- e. Matt said we should not rush. We must not create negative opinions from taxpayers.
- f. Dennis said Mike Gorres has land for sale. They have talked.
- g. Dennis said we must prepare paper work. We need to have facts and several forms must be completed. Dennis presented a list of 21 items he feels need to be addressed.
- h. We need to prepare for a public presentation. We need to offer tours of current problems and facts.
- i. We need to make a cost break down per tax unit.
- j. We need to itemize negatives of current conditions.
Such as no floor drain, compromised rafters, no garage rest room or shower or eye wash. Equipment has to be shuffled and stored outside. We do not own land we use now. We have sewer and well problems. The shop and town hall are expensive to heat and now longer safe. Both buildings need upgrades.
- k. *Two parcels are sold as of 5/30/24.*
- l. *It seems possible we can qualify for a USDA 20 year, 3.75% loan which would save Black Brook taxpayers \$300,000.*
- m. *There was discussion regarding state requires that the shops have heat and floor drains as they house essential equipment.*

Glen Clausen notetaker