

BERLIN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

7:00 p.m.

Special Meeting

September 17,

2008

HELD AT: Berlin Township House, 3271 Cheshire Rd., Delaware, OH

CALL TO ORDER: Phil Panzarella, Trustee Chairman

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Phil Panzarella.

ROLL CALL: Phil Panzarella, Ron Bullard and Tom D'Amico. In the absence of the Fiscal Officer Judy Shumway was named to record the proceedings.

ATTENDANCE:

PUBLIC COMMENT: Panzarella reviewed the adopted rules for public comment, Resolution 05-07-44. He asked if anyone wished to make public comment. Hearing no request he moved on to the next agenda item.

CHAIRMAN PANZARELLA TURNED MEETING OVER TO BULLARD

Bullard said the reason for the meeting was that a response to the salt bid from ISCO was due on Friday morning, September 19th. Bullard said the bid amount was \$152.92 per ton compared to \$49.94 per ton last year. He said Road Superintendent Hart prepared the handout recapping road salt activity both present and past. Bullard said the township had 150 tons on hand and had ordered and additional 200 tons from North American Salt at the 2008 contract price. He said the order was not honored as the township had already exceeded 120% of the 2008 commitment.

Bullard said Hart recommended purchasing an additional 200 tons.

Bullard explained there would be a salt shortage for the winter season due to the amounts used in various parts of the county during the early months of 2008.

Bullard said the township had requested 600 tons on the bid and the minimum amount they could order would be 100 tons. The township would have to take 100% delivery of their order by April 2009.

Bullard said salt could be pre-wet to increase its effectiveness by 30%. He said currently the township does not pre-wet it before spreading. Bullard explained the liquid pre-treatment created a layer of water between the road and ice allowing the snowplow to remove more ice from the road.

Panzarella asked if past use had been researched. He questioned if any other compound had been used in the past. Shumway said while she was clerk, salt had not been used but road grit had been spread instead. Shumway also said there were fewer subdivisions then too. Panzarella said once there was too much salt used and it left the grass sterilized along the road. Panzarella asked if a combination salt/grit mixture could be used.

Bullard said, "John Link of the county said the county will use more grit this year." Bullard said, "The county probably won't use a lot of grit." Bullard said a mix of salt and grit couldn't be used in subdivisions because of causing problems in street drains.

Panzarella said "Maybe the county could construct a mix area. They might ask everybody to chip in. I don't know the mechanism to reimburse the county for a piece of equipment. It would be prudent to consider mixing equipment." Bullard said he would ask the county how much it would cost to get it mixed. Panzarella said, "We should find out the cost of mixing equipment." Bullard said beet juice could be mixed with salt. The mix would be like molasses and wouldn't harm the truck. Panzarella said if the county could mix we could pay a service fee. Bullard to check with county engineer.

Panzarella said in looking at the salt specs he noted would be 95% salt and 5% other. He said the specs did not address contaminants in the salt. Bullard said ISCO had not bid in the past. He said they typically bid east coast and they deal with international imported salt. Bullard said the east coast had no problems. Panzarella asked if anyone checked for contaminants in the salt, specifically radio active materials.

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Bullard said ISCO would deliver to Portsmouth, Ohio and they do not blow the salt into the bins. Bullard said he would talk to Cindy Strayer, the bid contact person, regarding contaminants and radiological information.

D'Amico said the township used 220% of the 300 tons requested on the bid last year which made it grow to 600+ tons. D'Amico questioned if grits were the same as slag. Bullard said Chris Paykoff told him the township used to use #9's and #8's. D'Amico said having to have an answer by Friday morning didn't allow much time. Bullard said, "Last year we had a choice of vendors." D'Amico said, "I don't like the two day pressure cooker."

Bullard said there was a training session to be provided drivers regarding salt application. He said he mentioned it to Hart and he (Hart) suggested he, Brodi Irwin and Chris Paykoff attend. Panzarella said the trucks should be calibrated and whoever touches a truck must attend training.

Bullard said the township needs to figure a way to pre-wet the salt. He said he would ask Hart and Irwin to figure out a solution and cost.

Bullard said John Link of the county recommended the township continue to participate in the South West Ohio Consortium. "Link told me the county saved \$15 per ton and by moving to the ODOT purchasing the county saved an additional \$5 per ton. Panzarella asked if ODOT restricted participation and who was restricted.

Bullard said it was suggested in the seminar that townships write to legislators, the attorney general and other political persons to express their concern with salt cost and availability. Panzarella asked if Bullard would draft a letter.

Bullard said according to statistics the number one road maintenance expense is snow removal. He said salt saves lives.

Bullard said he checked with Fiscal Officer Cannon and there was approximately \$10,000-\$15,000 left to purchase salt. He said the township could commit to delivery in 2009. Panzarella said he thought at the last meeting it was stated there was \$10,000. Panzarella questioned if there were a minimum order of 100 tons if it would have to be paid for up front or with an increment payment. Bullard said, "We can get roughly 100 tons with \$10,000." Bullard said, "One hundred fifty tons will get us through November and December." Panzarella said, "We should not purchase more than 150 tons and augment it with something else, i.e. beet juice or grits. In Boston and New York they use sand, not beach sand." Bullard said it was possible there could be excess in Orange, Genoa or other townships which could be acquired by Berlin. Panzarella said, "We need to calibrate our drivers and equipment. We need to find a reasonable mix. I want a presentation of why we can't mix. We'd have a layered defense."

It was noted that in past years the county had encouraged townships to provide for their own grits and salt supply.

D'Amico said, "You say we have 150 tons now and if we would get 100 more tons we're meeting the average. If we can afford 150 tons we should get it. I hate to pay that amount."

Panzarella said, "We need to hire someone to find our own salt."

Bullard said, "If we buy 150 tons we'll have 300 tons and can operate at least a year. We need to figure out a better way to get salt. John Link said salt bids begin in January." Bullard said SWOP4G and ODOT played a game that the price would go down.

Panzarella said two letters were needed; one to the county and the other to the legislators.

D'Amico questioned if anything could be delayed until Friday. D'Amico asked for a recess.

CHAIRMAN PANZARELLA RECESSED THE MEETING AT 8:01 P.M.

CHAIRMAN PANZARELLA RECONVENES MEETING AT 8:05 P.M.

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REVIEW OF FUNDING-A review of the road funds as submitted by the fiscal officer showed a probable maximum amount of money available to be \$16,500. To make this available, appropriations would need to be adjusted. It was noted that appropriations could not exceed the approved certificate of resources and there could be no more spent than the funds' cash balances.

**RESOLUTION
08-09-20**

AUTHORIZE PURCHASE OF 150 TONS OF SALT FROM ISCO BID #08-6936-12 AT \$152.92 PER TON FOR A TOTAL OF \$22,938.00-DELIVERED DURING 2008/2009 SEASON

Motion: Bullard
Second: D'Amico
Vote: Bullard yea, Panzarella yea and D'Amico yea.

**RESOLUTION
08-09-21**

AUTHORIZE TRUSTEE BULLARD TO WORK WITH FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT FORMAL ACCEPTANCE OF SALT BID TO SWOP4G BY SEPTEMBER 19, 2008 AT 3:00 P.M. TO COMPLY WITH INSTRUCTIONS RECEIVED FROM SWOP4G (South West Ohio Consortium)

Motion: Panzarella
Second: D'Amico
Vote: Panzarella yea, D'Amico yea and Bullard yea.

Panzarella said, "If for some reason we want to buy more salt we're now locked in to 150 tons. We can have an emergency meeting if there's a 50 ton swing."

**RESOLUTION
08-09-22**

ADJOURN MEETING-8:24 P.M.

Motion: D'Amico
Second: Bullard
Vote: Panzarella yea, Bullard yea, and D'Amico yea.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Philip P. Panzarella, Trustee

ATTEST:

Ronald W. Bullard, Trustee

Judy K. Shumway
Assistant to Fiscal Officer

Thomas A. D'Amico, Trustee