

**MINUTES ARE NOT OFFICIAL UNTIL NEXT SUBSEQUENT MEETING**

**Village of New Glarus  
Tree Board  
January 8, 2019  
Minutes**

Approval of Agenda: Chair Greg Thoemke called the meeting to order at 7:44 a.m.

Present: Forester Paul Jennrich, Public Works Director Joe Cockroft, and Greg Thoemke.

Announcement: Chair Thoemke announced that all cell phones shall remain silent for the duration of the meeting.

Approval of the Agenda: Motion by Paul Jennrich, second by Joe Cockroft to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the 1/16/18 Meeting: Motion by Paul Jennrich to approve the minutes of the 1/16/18 as presented, second by Joe Cockroft. Motion carried.

Discussion/Recommendation: 2019 Tree Pruning Bid Results: Paul Jennrich reported that three bids were received: 1)Boley Tree & Landscape Care; 2)Bassett, Inc.; and 3)Limbwalkers Tree Service LLC. The bid from Limbwalkers Tree Service LLC was \$22,754.20 for base bid and additional bids #1 and #2, which was the low bid. Paul Jennrich noted that Limbwalkers did work for the Village one time in the past and they did quality work. Joe Cockroft proposed that the Public Works Department could remove many of the smaller trees included in the bid, thus saving the Village money and allowing the selected contractor to focus on larger tree work. The committee discussed his proposal and decided that the Public Works Department would undertake the removal of the trees identified in the bid under the Additional Bid Option #2, but not the stump grinding of those trees. The stump grinding shall remain the contractor responsibility. The committee also discussed that Paul Jennrich and Joe Cockroft should work with the selected contractor to identify additional trees in need of attention that the contractor could address with the money saved through the Public Works Departments assistance to remove trees. Motion by Greg Thoemke to award the 2019 tree bid to Limbwalkers Tree Service LLC contingent upon proof of insurance and contingent upon the acceptance of project revisions as negotiated with the Village Forester, second by Paul Jennrich. Motion carried.

Update: Emerald Ash Borer Treatment Program: Paul Jennrich provided an update on the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) treatment program for 2018 and the potential for another round of treatments in 2019. He noted that the quote from TruGreen for treatment was \$6 per diameter inch of tree. He noted that four ash trees in Village Park would need to be retreated in 2019. He asked if the Tree Board wanted to offer the cost share program (up to 15% of the cost) to residents again for treating terrace ash trees. The Board was in agreement to offer the cost-share program again in 2019.

Arbor Day Tree Planting: Paul Jennrich stated that the 2019 Arbor Day planting event date is Thursday, May 2, 2019. One of the priorities for this year is to replant the 14 trees that are being removed in the downtown with Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilac trees.

Downtown Street Tree Replacements: Paul Jennrich stated that 14 selected trees in the downtown will be removed this winter due to fire blight. Replacement trees will be planted as part of the Arbor Day planting event. The replacement trees will be Ivory Silk Japanese Tree Lilacs. The remaining downtown street trees will be removed and replaced in 2020.

Adjournment: Motion by Joe Cockroft, second by Paul Jennrich to adjourn. Motion carried. 9:00 a.m.  
Minutes by Paul Jennrich, Village Forester.

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