

**Town of Westernport
Special Council Meeting
September 17, 2020**

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Phil Whetstone, Judy Hamilton, Sarah Llewellyn and
Allen Shapiro

Mayor Laura Freeman-Legge welcomed all and they stood for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Steve Bennett of Bennett Brewer & Associates gave his presentation on Phase IV of the Westernport Water Distribution System. Mr. Bennett referred to a map and Phase IV is represented by *red* on this map. He noted that 50% of the piping to Luke is completed. The project is on schedule. Big issues on this Phase IV are RR Crossings, Georges Creek, the State Highway Administration and we will need six **permits**. Under CSX the time frame to get agreements would be 9 months. They are difficult to work with. Duncan Smith and Gerald Altizer will help us with this time line.

The amount needed for the Phase IV Project will be \$2.5M. From a grant will come \$1.25M. Most of the line will be 6" and there will be a loop at the end of Wood Street at the Michaels' Property. The town of Westernport needs an **easement** from Mr. Michaels. In the past, he wanted the work done and then he would give the town the easement. The town cannot work this way. If the town does not get the easement, the line will be dead-ended. New hydrants will be put in.

Commissioner Whetstone asks about the grade of the pipeline. Mr. Bennett did not have a grade number. Apparently, our fire chief, Tim Dayton, wanted to know this. Mayor Legge and Commissioner Shapiro ask about water for Maryland Avenue. This is not in Phase IV but it could be an add on. Bid would be a little higher. Bid stands now at \$223,462.56. Mr. Bennett said that one half of that is CA work. There were no other questions.

Mayor Legg said there is a time line on Phase IV to get things moving. Commissioner Shapiro wanted to know if Phase IV is on this year's money, 2020. The mayor wanted to check on this. She said it is for fiscal year 2020-2021. The final bid design must be submitted by December 1, 2020.

Commissioner Hamilton made a motion we accept the Bennett Brewer & Associates Contract for Phase IV of the Westernport Water Distribution System at a cost not to exceed \$223,462.56. Commissioner Shapiro made the second. Motion carried.

Commissioner Shapiro made the motion to hire Bennett Brewer & Associates for Westernport's Water Distribution Improvement Project with a second from Commissioner Hamilton. Motion carried.

Motion made by Commissioner Hamilton to adjourn with a second from Commissioner Llewellyn. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned.


Renee Morris, Town Clerk


Laura Freeman-Legge, Mayor