

BERNARDS TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

MEETING

THURSDAY MARCH 7 2024 4:00PM

AGENDA

Attendees: Jim Rollo, Nick Markarian, Nimish Amin, Csilla Cspiak, Keith Molinari, Kirsten Light, Bill Mickley

1. **Ridge Sewer Line Update with Van Cleef Engineering: 2 representatives joined virtually. Engineering company performed a live inspection and took a historical look at events. One issue is poor pitch under the building as well as illicit materials being flushed. Some initial thoughts were screening downstream prior to entry into the public system as well as exploring upstream screening. Regular flushing of the system at key locations to ensure anything accumulating in pipes is being pushed out is an additional recommendation. Bill Mickley confirmed that one of the potential debris snag areas had been smoothed out with hydraulic cement. The backup alarm installed at one potential blockage location also appears to be working as designed. There are options for automatic flush systems that could be installed (potential pricing and scope of project still being worked up). Short term/low cost solutions: Downstream screen installed and monitored regularly (there is concern with this..screen could wind up blocked and cause sewer backup). If illicit discharge is low, we are looking at primarily a flow issue. One board member asked about the utility/cost of traptex technology (tech designed to keep some illicit material from entering the sewer lines). Another inquired into different disciplinary actions that could be taken towards students flushing illicit materials.**

The committee feels that continued monitoring and regularly scheduled flushing needs may provide satisfactory results without the need of major excavation and re-pitching the pipe under the building. As such, the committee feels proceeding with bidding the ADA ramp to Lee field. Worst case, everyone feels the cuts to a new ADA pathway would be small even if we had to do significant excavation.

2. **Barker Transportation Update. PJ Chesson from Barker joined virtually**
 - a. **4 fine-able lates 24-29 minutes since Feb 7th, down from 8 in January, down from 70 during the period Sept- 11/17**
 - b. **~\$46k in fines YTD**

Discussion was had between the committee and Mr. Chesson regarding the fines and causes of the lates. Committee also spent time discussing busing tiers.

Committee agreed to refund half of the fines from September in acknowledgement of improved performance, but hold the rest while monitoring Barker's performance throughout the rest of the year. The committee was open to returning most of the fine money if performance remains good.

3. HVAC Spend in FY 23-24 was \$278,265.52 with 3 HVAC Vendors
 - a. We think an in-house HVAC tech could handle 30%-50% of those jobs
 - b. Plus an in-house tech could likely help with other projects

Jim and Bill feel bringing in another HVAC tech in-house will lead to additional cost savings. Not only will these contracted repairs be completed in-house, but also the district would not be charged prevailing wage rate for related repairs. Committee agrees we should post for the position.

4. Work Order Status
 - a. HVAC - 118 work orders older than 90 days; 78 scheduled/awaiting parts
 - 53 of those are Air conditioning work orders
 - 52 are Heating work orders
 - 1 is Both
 - 12 are classified Other, ie thermostat, noise,smell etc.
 - b. Maintenance - 43 work orders older than 90 days; 39 scheduled/awaiting parts
 - 31 open in the $\geq 60 < 90$ range

This is an increase over last month as Bill is submitting work orders as he finds things needing to be done.

5. Aramark Renewal - Still waiting on confirmation 1 year deferral union benefits

6. Construction Project Updates
 - a. ROD Grants - RH Classrooms HVAC Bid Opening Feb 22 (awarded, 1st pre-meeting 3/6)
 - b. Varsity Field Complex - No update (keeping an eye on water remediation in the meantime)
 - c. Facilities Condition Assessment- Site Visits Happening
 - d. WAMS PAving Loop - Bid Opening March 12 (checking into timeframe and cost for patch work)
 - e. Liberty Corner Direct Install - Pre-Construction Meeting held, scheduled for summer. This is being funded through a state grant.

- f. Lee Field Audio - Equipment Received Targeting March 18th install**
- g. RH PA Repair - Completed**
- h. Cafe Equipment - Completed**
- i. Liberty Corner Canopy Repair - New Architect Designing Repair**
- j. Mount Prospect BAS. Assessment ongoing**

7. Confirmed Next Meeting Date/Time April 4th @4pm