

Attention Victory Citizens,

As spokesman for the Victory Town Board I'm writing to inform you about an important project that has been underway since early in 2019. The current highway garage was constructed in 1971 with the determination of a probable period of usefulness of 30 years. As the Town celebrates its bicentennial in 2021 the garage will have been in use for 50 years. It became apparent years ago that the Highway Department had outgrown the building. That has also become true for the shared office space on the west end of the building. The worsening state of affairs along with appeals from several concerned citizens prompted the Board's decision to seek a reasonable solution. The decision was made to build a new garage adjacent to the salt barn on Upton Road. MAS Engineering of Lyons was selected to design the new garage and after meetings to determine highway department needs and our budget the design work began. The Victory Highway Department accomplished the site preparation based on engineer specifications in the fall of 2019. Design review was finalized and the documents went out for bid on 6 January. MAS Engineering opened and tallied the bids on 30 January. Based on the apparent lowest qualified bids in the categories of General Contractor, Mechanical, and Electrical the project cost is \$637,311 with an additional \$62,689 contingency funding for a total project cost of \$700,000. We're happy to report that this project is already fully-funded. There is \$408,380 in the Town Capital Improvement Fund that was established in 2004 with the remainder to be funded by \$191,620 of unassigned fund balance from the Town's general fund and \$100,000 unassigned fund balance from the Town's highway fund. The bid specs call for a six month construction period to begin in April so the project should be completed in September. Although this won't solve every problem that we have with the current facility we feel that this is the most economical opportunity that we might have to do part of what was intended when the Town purchased the property on Upton Road in 2001. Upon completion of this project we expect part of the existing structure to still be used by the Highway Department for equipment storage while we will seek grant opportunities to help with remodeling and repairs to the building to address known issues. Anyone having questions or thoughts about this project can call me at 315-391-3890.

Respectfully,
Mike Wiggins, Supervisor
Town of Victory