

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

August 9, 2010

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday, Aug 9th, 2010 in the District Office. Present were Commissioners Mike Smith, Gloria Aspinall, and Art Tucker. Also present were David Brodil (resident) and Wendell Dicey(Highway Dept). The meeting was taped by Tim Hughes.

At 9:00 am the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Smith.

1. Agenda

Jungfrau to Reinach Agreement for AJ Coleman is added to the signature items. Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the agenda as amended, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.

2. Accounts Payable

3 items for a total of \$19,332.72. Final payment for SCADA system included.

3. Minutes

The minutes of August 2 were reviewed. Gloria Aspinall corrects typographical errors on page 1, 3 and 4. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

4. Highway Department

Wendell Dicey reports on road work. Time constraints are an issue. With the amount of work to be done within the District, trouble areas are priority. Mike Smith informs Wendell that he received compliments on the work done to upper St. Moritz. Gloria Aspinall adds that she has also received positive feedback on work. Art Tucker adds that the drainage added to upper St. Moritz seems to be working. If there is time, the area will be revisited. There are numerous projects to be done. Wendell Dicey informs the Commissioners that he is trying to stay within allowances for hours to watch the budget, but would be willing to work extra hours if desired. Mike Smith informs Wendell that if a resident complains to him about work, he should direct them to the Board. Using budget monies wisely will help the budget. Wendell advises that he looked at the truck on Saturday. He turns in a summary of issues he found with the truck available from Bow. He does not want that truck. **Mike Smith makes a motion to not purchase the used truck from Bow, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.** The new truck will be \$97,920. without the trade. Wendell would like to have 3 trucks in the fleet. He looked at a different truck. Priced a Ford 550 just to check the prices, but the gross vehicle weight and carrying capacity are too low. Mike Smith states he would like to buy the new truck and trade the F-550. The extended

warranty could be purchased at a later date. Wendell Dicey advises that if purchased in the future, the extended warranty will cost the full amount. The trade the dealer is allowing for the Ford F-550 is \$20,000.00, bringing the truck to \$79,920.00. **Mike Smith makes a motion to purchase the new truck, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.** Art Tucker comments that this will allow some monies to remain within the Capital Reserve Fund. The Duramax will need to be replaced at some point in the future. Mike Smith adds that the grader can also be used for some plowing, if needed. A third truck will be looked for. Wendell states that since the Duramax is a 2005, an upgrade will be needed. He will continue to bring information to the Board on options.

5. Appearances

David Brodil has come to the meeting to discuss his water usage fees. Mr. Brodil owns two homes and both are duplexes, so he is billed for two units for each house. He states that he feels it is unfair to bill for the duplex. Mike Smith informs Mr. Brodil that the determination of duplex is obtained from the assessing database kept by the Town of Madison. It is not the District that determines duplex status. Mr. Brodil states that the District decided to bill per unit, and he would like to see the Board change that. He also mentions adding water meters. Mike Smith explains the definition of user within the Water Ordinance. It is clearly stated that a two unit house will receive two bills. Gloria Aspinall explains that the fixed costs of the water system are the driving force of the bill. Water meters would not affect those fixed costs. Mike Smith adds that if water meters were in place, the first gallon of water used would cost \$415.00. Mike then outlines to Mr. Brodil that he can write a petition for the Warrant for the Annual Meeting. A petition requires signatures from 10 registered voters of the District in order to be accepted. Should he obtain those signatures, the petition would be placed on the Warrant and the voters would decide at the Annual Meeting if duplexes should receive one bill per unit. Mr. Brodil pays his water bills in full and is given contact information for the office.

6. Commissioners Reports

Mike Smith asks the Board if they have been keeping track of their hours. Art Tucker reports he spent 46.5 hrs last month on District business. Mike states he spent 39 hrs. Gloria Aspinall reports that she does not have her numbers with her, but over 40. The Commissioners will continue to track their hours. Mike reports that the Contract Agreement for the Jungfrau to Reinach Forced Main Water Project is to be signed today. The submittals have been sent to Paul Fluet, engineer, for approval. Once the approval has been received, the Notice to Proceed will be executed. Scott Hayes has sent an estimate for the repair work to be done in the District. The repairs will cost \$2,950. Mike Smith outlines the location of the valve that needs to be enclosed in a valve box. The only other anticipated work on the water system this fall would be the replacement of the DPW pump, depending upon the budget standings at that time. Scott Hayes is contacted to verify the prices, a message is left inquiring if the price includes the excavator. Mike states he will inform the Board of the answer. **Mike Smith makes a motion to approve up to \$3,000. for the necessary repairs to be**

done, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion turns to the need of one valve box or two. If two are needed, the repair work will cost \$3,750. Mike states that he would like to hold a Water Advisory Board meeting Monday at 5pm. Board members will be notified. Mike would also like to hold a Commissioners meeting on Thursday Sept 2 at 9am to prepare for the Open Forum scheduled for Saturday Sept 4, 7pm at the Lodge.

Gloria Aspinall reports that she has sent a follow up letter to PSNH for the status of the work-order on the street lights.

Art Tucker reports that the engineering reports on the salt shed site which were due on July 30 have been received. The work done on West Bergamo to correct the wash out was done well. Equipment repairs are still being done. The Duramax is currently being worked on. The specifications for the Middle Shore Dr at Geneva Place road work have been given to Wendell Dicey for review. A short proposal will be used versus full contract language.

7. Signature Items

A letter to the owners of 15 Jungfrau in regards to their water line replacement is signed.

A letter to the owners of 78 Oak Ridge in regards to trees over the guardrail is signed.

8. Correspondence

IT Insiders has contacted the District announcing a municipal discount on all HP products and services through a contract with the State of NH.

The Post Office has notified the District that many of the package boxes have locks that are out of service. On most, the keys have broken off inside the lock. A locksmith will be contacted for an estimate.

The EPOA has requested permission to obtain a fire/cook permit for August 21, the Lobsterfest. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to allow the EPOA to get the permit, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** A letter to the Fire Chief will be prepared for next Monday.

Attorney Dan Crean has sent an outline of how he now has his phones forwarded. He advises to call his office number, it will be forwarded to his cell when appropriate.

The rental check for the Coleman Tower Site has been received.

The submittals for the Jungfrau to Reinach Forced Main Water Project have been received from AJ Coleman.

Granite State Analytical has sent the results for the August water testing. All results negative.

9. Administration

An update on the water bill status is reviewed. As of Friday Aug 5, \$139,899.50 has been collected with \$50,830.50 outstanding.

The payroll report is reviewed and accepted.

At 10:20am Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Art Tucker seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole
Administrator