

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS  
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

**September 21, 2009**

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2009 in the District Office. Present were Commissioners: Ralph Lutjen, Gloria Aspinall and Mike Smith. Also attending was Peter Craugh (Clerk) and Steve Pannone (Highway Dept). The meeting was taped by videographer Tim Hughes.

**At 9:00 am the meeting was called to order by Chairman Ralph Lutjen.**

**1. Agenda**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the agenda as presented, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

**2. Accounts Payable**

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the 9/14/09 meeting were reviewed. **Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the minutes as presented, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

**4. Highway Department**

Permit status for driveways is reviewed. 31 Bristenstock altered the surface of the driveway and has negatively affected water run off into the road. The fine included in the original letter will be waived as the contractor made attempts to find out if a permit was necessary. 6 Bristenstock has sent in his application and permit fee with a request to waive the fine. As no attempts to obtain a permit were made, the fine will stand for this driveway. Enforcement of the ordinances is necessary.

Steve Pannone reviews the activity of the last week. The speed bumps have been removed. A new driveway application for 32 Bern Drive was checked, the driveway has been properly staked for construction permit. Eidelweiss Drive, Grison and Aspen were worked on. Ditches were cleaned and some stumps were removed. Shoulders were added where needed. Ralph Lutjen compliments the work being done. Gloria Aspinall asks Steve to check the flow from the Aspen bleeder when they are turned on. Steve reports that the bleeder on Aspen was turned by Scott to reduce water flow onto the road.

Paul Brown, engineer, Ralph Lutjen and Steve met on Saturday for 2 hours to review Oak Ridge road. Mr. Brown will work on the issue of water running under the road in some areas. The natural water flow was viewed throughout the road area. Asphalt

swales and possibly a catch basin will be needed on the lower portion of the road in the vicinity of St. Moritz. Mr. Brown's proposal will break the road into sections. Ralph Lutjen explains that the engineering will not include water pipes. If the lower portion of Oak Ridge is chosen to be done, a plan for replacing the pipes will be needed. Ralph continues by stating that he believes this portion of the road will be in the vicinity of \$200,000 or possibly even \$250,000 for the road without the pipes. This road will be quite an extensive project, but is needed. Mr. Brown questioned Ralph if soil testing had been done and it has not. Mike Smith states that the upper portion is all ledge, so it was deemed testing would not be needed. Mr. Brown also questioned historical usage of the road. This will be looked into. A bid package will be put together and forwarded for review. Steve will supply the road lengths and catch basin prices for the bid package. The lower section of the road, if chosen to be done, will include St. Moritz.

Peter Craugh questions a bucket and saw horse that are on Bristenstock. It is believed to belong to Perm-A-Drive. They will be removed.

Steve continues his report with prices obtained for items needed to prepare for winter. Prices were reviewed for plow blades, steel; American and Chinese options; with carbide protectors. Two sets are needed. Fairfield prices chosen at \$117.00 for plow blades, and \$162. protectors (Chinese). The prices for the vibration units for the sanders are \$192 for the 550 and \$300 for the Duramax. These will be ordered. The stabilizer arm for the 550 is bent and will cost \$645.51 to replace. This will also be ordered. The other item needed will be tires. Steve is waiting on additional quotes to be received. Both new and recapped tires will be priced out. The sander will be set up and ready to put onto the 550 when it gets back from the shop. Mike Smith questions Steve on the crack sealing schedule. Steve will bring this next week. Mike continues by stating that he would like to roads graded before winter hits.

Mike Smith questions the possible purchase of a bobcat as an idea for next year. Discussion then turns to the issue of a truck purchase. The used Duramax at Profile is deemed too expensive and will not be considered. Ralph Lutjen explains that this used truck is more expensive than the original purchase price of the Duramax bought brand new. Ralph asks Steve for his input and Steve states waiting until next year may be best. Gloria Aspinall suggests subbing out work requiring a bigger truck and evaluating the usage over the winter. Ralph state he does not want to completely deplete the Capital Reserve Fund by purchasing a bigger truck. Mike Smith believes a bigger truck is needed for the Village and suggest the possibility of placing on 2010 warrant, or possibly increasing or rearranging the funding of the CRF's on the warrant. **Gloria Aspinall makes a motion to defer the purchase of a truck until next year, Mike Smith seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **5. Appearances**

Peter Craugh informs the Board that the pH of the water is still low despite recent increases in chemical output. The meter readings at Oak Ridge and Chocorua stations were high this morning. Tomorrow's readings should indicate if there is a problem. It is possible usage is high due to year end cleaning and closing of some houses. Mike

Smith states that he will mention this to Scott Hayes, water system operator. The Sodium Bicarbonate is being used at 1 bag per 60 gallons vs. the 1 per 80 that is standard, also with no effect on the pH. This will be looked into.

## **6. Commissioners Reports**

Ralph Lutjen begins his report with a review of Saturday's meeting with engineer Paul Brown. He states that Paul was complimentary of the recent improvements throughout the Village. Ralph has met with a contractor in regards to correcting the support issues left at the mailbox site. The estimate received is \$250. for center support, \$250. for end supports. Re-designing the bulletin board was also suggested at a cost of \$700. Total cost estimate is \$1,200 plus materials. **Mike Smith makes a motion to allocate up to \$1,400 for the repair and upgrade of the mailbox and bulletin board, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.** Peter Craugh asks if the bulletin board will be a complete replacement. Ralph will verify with the contractor. The EPOA has stated they would consider painting the area once construction is complete, they will be contacted on this offer.

Ralph continues his report with an update on the salt shed site. Bore samples are needed for soil testing. The results should be back tomorrow. A change order has been received for the testing which brings the project to just below total allocation.

Gloria Aspinall reports that the Rockhouse machinery which had been stored on the tennis court lot has been removed. Correspondence has been received from Rockhouse on the potential sale of the tennis court lot to an abutter. The District attorney has previously reviewed the legal implications of selling this lot. Gloria questions if the Rockhouse connection to the Mohla residence on Brenner Drive has been completed. Mike Smith will check with Scott Hayes on the status.

Mike Smith reports that Scott Hayes will be in the District tomorrow to repair a bent curb stop valve on Eidelweiss Drive. Mike will ask Scott to check the lines and the pump downstairs secondary to the ongoing increase in chemical use with no effect on pH.

Mike has received a quote for updating the bana lines to a wireless system. The quote is for \$1,000. Mike would like to wait until the first of the year for budget purposes to pursue replacement of the bana lines.

## **7. Signature Items**

A response to an inquiry from the DRA on an old CRF is signed.

Letter to the owners of 6 Bristenstock is signed in regards to the driveway.

Letter to the owners of 31 Bristenstock is signed in regards to the driveway.

Letter to the owner of 27 Aspen denying water hook up is signed.

Change order for test boring at salt shed site is signed.

The proposal from Tirey Associates on the Reinach tank is signed.

## **8. Correspondence**

Information received from Attorney Dan Crean on the Verrochi rocks is reviewed. If the rock is to remain, plowing will be affected. When the rocks were placed needs to be determined, as it will effect the District's rights. A letter inviting Mr. Verrochi to an upcoming meeting will be drafted for signature.

An updated draft of the agreement for the Tower site is reviewed. One error noticed. An email will be sent to Dan Crean to have corrected.

An email outlining the District's options for the expenditure of the monies received from the insurance company has been received from DRA. A public hearing needs to be held. This will be scheduled for October 12, 2009 during the regular Commissioner's meeting.

A letter from Rockhouse on the possible transference of the tennis court lot was previously discussed. No response will be sent unless an offer is received from an abutter.

Madison Police requested the dollar amount of the overall loss associated with the recent stealing of the crest from the entry sign for court. \$600. was collected to cover expenses and impose a fine on the boys responsible. This was turned over to the EPOA as owner of the sign.

## **9. Administration**

The cell phones for the Highway Dept need replacing. A review of options is discussed. Nancy suggests Verizon as best coverage throughout the District. Available plan would cover both lines, give 700 free minutes, Vz to Vz is free, 10 numbers not Vz can be listed as 'friends and family' to make those numbers also free. Plan is \$69.99/month.

Nancy requests to attend the LGC Budget and Finance Workshop to be held Thursday at Loon Mountain. Cost is \$35.00. Permission granted to attend.

The budget is reviewed. Some line items are over extended, or very close, but overall the budget looks good for this time of year.

**At 10:30 Mike Smith makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole  
Administrator