

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
COMMISSIONERS MEETING**

December 21, 2009

The Board of Commissioners met on Monday, December 21st, 2009 in the District Office. Present were Commissioners Ralph Lutjen, Gloria Aspinall, and Mike Smith. Also attending were Steve Pannone (Highway Dept), Peter Craugh (Clerk), and Art Tucker (Bldng Cmte). 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

11 items for a total of \$8,057.17.

3. Minutes

The minutes of December 14 were reviewed. Ralph Lutjen corrects the status of the persons at the meeting to homeowners from residents and clarifies the delay in salting was caused by the fallen tree that took out power. **Mike Smith makes a motion to accept the minutes as amended, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.**

4. Highway Department

Steve Pannone reports on last weeks activity. The tires for the F550 were purchased and mounted by Frechette Tire. There was snow on Wednesday, roads were cleared, sanded and salted. The new sander vibration unit for the Duramax is not working. Fairfield was notified and the unit is under warranty. There was snow on Sunday and part timers were used. The roads were cleaned up on Monday and Tuesday. 2 loads of sand have been delivered. Couplings were replaced on the F550. Handles were attached to the side of the Duramax for additional safety when accessing the sander. Fairfield was able to replace the vibration unit on Friday. A larger unit, more appropriate for the truck was installed for an additional charge of \$100.00. The new unit has a relay switch which reduces the chances of damage to the motor. The Cabana area was cleaned up for access to the Sheriff's Tower. The salt shed and equipment building construction site was also cleared off snow. Salt is still stored in Madison for now until site is ready to hold a load.

Ralph Lutjen asks Steve if the trucks are currently in good condition for the remainder of winter. Steve reports that they are. Ralph then asks about whether or not a spare

chain is needed for either sander. Steve responds that the Duramax chain is brand new and the chain on the F550 is only a year old. A spare could be purchased for the F550 next year to have on hand.

Discussion turns to salt. An order should be placed this year as there is line item money still available within the budget. Steve states that he would like to wait until the door is on the salt shed for protection. Ralph Lutjen has discussed the possibility of ordering the roll up door that would be better for the salt shed. The roll up door has higher clearance for the trucks delivering salt and sand. A concession of the paved area outside the shed will allow for \$2,995.00 to be allocated for the roll up door. There was \$2,000 in interest earned on the salt shed bank account which can also be allocated. The difference is a minimal dollar amount that can be absorbed by the budget. **Mike Smith makes a motion to purchase the roll up for \$5,300 with the above offsets for funding, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Ralph will discuss with Art Tucker and Glen Builders for the change order to be produced. The ordering of the door may cause a slight delay in completion. Mike Smith questions a temporary door, or possibly a tarp to cover the salt until the door is installed. Steve questions if the salt to be ordered should be delivered to Madison for storage. Steve is informed that the salt should be delivered here to the new shed. Temporary protection will be sought, most likely a tarp.

Gloria Aspinall questions if the trucks have been brought to Frechette's to be cleaned. Steve reports that they have not. Mike Smith questions the gate to the yard. He states that the gate needs to be cleared and operated throughout the winter. Steve will clear the area. If the gate cannot be cleared, a chain will be put across to block access to the yard.

5. Appearances

Peter Craugh informs the Commissioners that the Madison Planning Board will be meeting in early January to discuss zoning. Commercial zones on Rtes 16 and 113 are going to be discussed.

Peter then requests the dates for the budget hearings be posted on the web site.

Art Tucker joins the meeting and is informed of the decision to order the roll up door for the salt shed. Art will work with Glen Builders to have this done and will handle the change order. Ralph Lutjen asks Art if the roof is on the building, and Art responds that it is being worked on now. Art will discuss with Glen Builders the need to have the access driveway leveled. Ralph then asks Art if he feels the excess material can wait until spring to be removed. Art states that the swales and drainage ditches should be sufficient to get through winter. Art also informs the Commissioners that salt could be ordered now. The backhoe can be parked to block access until the door is in place.

Art questions if there is money available to add the petition and ceiling for the water department and is informed yes. This will be included with the change order.

6. Commissioners Reports

Ralph Lutjen has already covered his report items.

Gloria Aspinall states that after the holidays, the audit information will be prepared. The tennis court lot is in process.

Mike Smith reports that pending approval from Paul Fluet, engineer, he has received prices for the transducers and the back up pump. The new pump will carry a 3 year warranty. Mike would like to have these items ordered from the current budget before year end. Mike Smith makes a motion to approve up to \$10,000 for the purchase of the transducers and the pump, with installation to be done next year. Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed. Scott Hayes will be informed to order the items.

Mike informs the Board that the curb stop valve for 15 St. Moritz was replaced last Friday as it was broken. He then asks Peter Craugh if any information has been obtained for updating the maps. Peter states that Madison is now using Avatar. Peter has been in touch with Tara Maps. The data to be included would need to be defined, but could include the information currently kept on cardstock. Printing costs would be incurred and an estimate of \$65. per hour for an estimated 3 hours of work would be incurred. Peter comments that the sample map he viewed actually contained Edelweiss data.

Mike completes his report with an update that the Jung Frau to Reinach Forced Main Water Project will not qualify for State Revolving Loan Funds. Dinah Reiss, treasurer, has put together some commercial bond rates for review.

7. Signature Items

A tax exempt fuel certificate is signed for Jesse Lyman Co.

The updated Water Ordinance is accepted and signed.

8. Correspondence

Notice of a personal raft still in Big Pea has been received. Peter Craugh informs that he believes it has been removed.

An article that addresses alleged wrongful handling of HealthTrust money by LGC has been received. LGC has not yet responded, however the court has ordered all requested information be released.

9. Administration

Dinah Reiss, treasurer, has forwarded the information that there is \$35,000 in the water usage account after meeting budget. The Commissioners are asked to allocate this money to offset water budget expenses and/or projects for next year. **Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to allocate the \$35,000 to offset bond payments in 2010, Mike Smith seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

Discussion turns to whom to appoint as Interim Moderator for the 2010 annual meeting. Only one response was received and that was from E. Peter Craugh. **Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to appoint Peter as Interim Moderator, Mike Smith seconds the motion and the motion passed unanimously.** Peter will forward a written resignation from his current position as Clerk and formally accept the appointment.

At 9:50am Mike Smith makes a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gloria Aspinall seconds the motion and the motion passed.

Next meeting to be held January 4, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole
Administrator