

**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
PUBLIC HEARING**

June 4, 2010

The Board of Commissioners held a Public Hearing Friday, June 4th, 2010 at the Lodge. Present were Commissioners Mike Smith, Gloria Aspinall, and Art Tucker. The meeting was taped by videographer Tim Hughes. 21 persons were present.

At 7:00pm the meeting was called to order by Chairman Mike Smith.

Mike Smith outlines the rules of the meeting. All persons requesting to speak will do so only upon recognition from the chair, and all comments will be directed to the chair. Persons are not to speak out and no personal attacks will be tolerated. The meeting will begin with the Public Hearing for the street lights with a presentation by Gloria Aspinall. The meeting will then move to the Open Forum portion for discussion on funding of the water system. This will include two presentations, one by Mike Smith and one by Art Tucker. Ideas and suggestions on other funding options are welcome.

Gloria Aspinall discusses the street lights. As voted at the Annual Meeting, PSNH will be upgrading the street lights within the District to High Pressure Sodium lights. The Board of Commissioners recommends removal of the first street on Eidelweiss Drive which is located at the intersection with Huttwil Drive. A new light has been added on the bulletin board across from the street light which lights the area well. It is recommended to remove the second street light on Eidelweiss Drive as it is across from the new equipment garage which is well lit. The third light, at the intersection of Oak Ridge Road, is to be replaced with a spot beam which will light the Flag. All other lights within the District will be upgraded to the High Pressure Sodium lights. Gloria discusses the spot beam light for the Flag as the best option found. Other options, including various solar style lights, were reviewed and found to have deficiencies which make them unattractive options. It is suggested that the light across from the new equipment garage be upgraded to High Pressure Sodium and not removed. That corner is very dark. The direct beam spot for the Flag is discussed. It is questioned if the light would blind a driver. Gloria Aspinall explains that the PSNH technician stated that this style light will not effect drivers.

No additional discussion is requested on the street lights. Public Hearing closed.

Mike Smith gives a presentation which outlines a 5 yr plan for water system infrastructure improvements. A funding option of moving monies collected from water billing beyond the water budget dollar amount into the Water System Capital Reserve Fund, adding unexpended water budget monies to the deposit; and doubling the deposit amount with a matching tax allocation into the CRF is proposed. This funding option is based on the Annual Meeting vote of a 50/50 split in cost between taxes and water usage fees. Discussion ensues.

Art Tucker gives a presentation which outlines an alternate funding method via an assessment to be added only to vacant lots on Class V or Class VI roads with a water

line in front of them. He outlines a plan which will establish this assessment on those lots within the District, with water users paying an additional \$100, most vacant lots paying \$100, and larger vacant lots paying \$100 plus based on the acreage of the lot. Exemptions will be allowed for well owners, deed restrictions such as conservation lots or green space. This plan outlines keeping monies raised within a Special Revenue Fund, which requires voter approval for expenditures. Discussion ensues.

Final discussion turns to the benefits of this style of meeting. The persons present are pleased that the Commissioners held this discussion and would like another meeting planned. The possibility of a Saturday is discussed. The Commissioners agree to take this under advisement and will discuss the holding of another meeting at a future Commissioners meeting.

General agreement amongst all persons is that some sort of plan for funding the needed improvements is overdue. The water usage fee and tax rate must both be protected from large increases, yet the monies need to be raised for improvements to be done.

At 9:40pm the meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy E. Cole
Administrator