**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**

**Highway & Roads Committee Meeting**

**Wednesday August 3, 2022**

The Highway & Roads Committee met at 1:00pm on Wednesday August 3, 2022.

In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Ralph Lutjen, Alexis Wagoner-Administrator, Kelly Robitaille-DPW Foreman & Tommy Gunn.

At 1:00pm Commissioner Ralph Lutjen calls the meeting to order

Overview of the last meeting.

Kelly Robitaille got a quote for the 7400 truck from international for $119,250.00. This does not include the truck fittings. Kelly Robitaille also got a quote from Bryant Paving for Eidelweiss Drive for $230,500.00.

Kelly Robitailles states that the number one priority right now is getting a new backhoe. The backhoe is on its way out. If it breaks, we do not have a back up and will be put in a not so good situation since it is the #1 used machine. John Deere gave a quote of $155,433.00 which includes trading in the backhoe. Caterpillar was also contacted but no quote was given as they are hesitant to work with the VDOE due to past issues.

Further discussion on the priority list. The backhoe is #1 as the other machines have back-up options.

Review of the CRF’s and estimated costs of different paving projects. Blinden is estimated to cost around $50,000 and Aspen is estimated to cost around $40,000. We could group together the two projects and put away $50,000 the first year, $40,000 the second year and $20,000 the third year we would have enough to cover both projects and then some. Kelly Robitaille is going to inventory all the paved roads and the length of them for the next meeting.

Going to Re-shim Eidelweiss Drive this year using the $7,000 that is in the Road Construction CRF.

Discussion on Eidelweiss Drive paving project. Going to push the project out until 2026. If we re-shim it this year and maintain it till 2026, we can get the most of it. Also start accumulating money in the CRF for the paving.

Discussion on the Grison Road culvert. Alexis Wagoner is going to find anything we have on the project.

Priority list at the moment is the Backhoe, Edelweiss Drive and then the 7400 Truck.

Kelly Robitaille questions how we will pay for the backhoe? Finance or payout with a Warrant Article? Ralph Lutjen suggest finance it and replace the Oakridge loan or the Grader loan as both will be paid off in 2023 and that way the tax rate will not change.

Possibly finance Eidelweiss drive as well for 10 or 15 years.

Estimated $225,000 for a new 7400 truck with all the fittings. Start saving for the truck in 2025 putting $75,000 a year into the CRF fund for 3 years.

Discussion on plans to move forward and prepare for the next meeting. Next meeting, we will start to put together more concrete plans and think about drafting up proposed warrant articles.

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to approve the minutes from 6-28-2022, Kelly Robitaille 2nds, passes 4-0**

Meeting adjourned at 2:20pm

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Wagoner, Administrator.