**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**

**Commissioners Meeting**

**Thursday February 9, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Thursday February 9, 2023.

In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Ralph Lutjen, Commissioner Jay Buckley, Commissioner Mike Smith, Donna MacKinnon-Administrator, Alexis Wagoner-Administrator & Kelly Robitaille-DPW Forman.

At 9:00am Commissioner Ralph Lutjen calls the meeting to order

**Public Meeting**

Discussion on Article 05 Water Engineering Study.

Ralph Lutjen explains that there is a $30,000 SEARCH grant through USDA that will fund the completion of a Preliminary Engineering Report (PER). Then with the PER the District can apply for other USDA funded applications. The only cost associated with the District would be the cost of the engineers to complete the application. It would cost less than $5,000 for that.

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to remove Article 05 Water Engineering Study, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to increase the Asset Management line item on the Water budget by $5,000, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0**

Discussion on Petitioned Warrant Articles

**Mike Smith makes a motion to send petitioned articles to the lawyer for review, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to delete Article 11 Rafts, Ralph Lutjen 2nds for discussion.**

Kelly Robitaille comments that he did some research and to put cover the rafts with carpeting it would cost around $7/per foot so about $85 per a raft. As for the mooring system I have found a method that could work but we will need to hire someone to set the mooring permanently. Also will need to work with the office to put together signage for the swim rafts. **Motion failed 1-2 Ralph Lutjen & Jay Buckley voted against.**

Going to keep the Article as voted for on Tuesday February 7th with the reduced $15,000 price and updated description.

Further discussion on finding someone to come out and set moorings for the swim rafts permanently.

**Mike Smith makes a motion to have the office contact the NH licensing board to see if any of the Water Committee members have active engineering licenses in the state of New Hampshire, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 2-1 Jay Buckley votes against.**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to have the office ensure that none of the Water Committee members have a water operator’s license in the state of New Hampshire, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 2-1 Jay Buckley votes against.**

Discussion on the Water Committee

Ralph Lutjen discusses the petitioned article for the water main replacement on Altdorf. The price they had is $68,000 but the engineers came back with a quote of $167,000. The Water Committee has not provided any specs or designs for the project.

Discussion on the other petitioned articles.

The Commissioners vote on the petitioned warrant articles:

**Petitioned Article 13 Altdorf Water Replacement**Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 14 Engineering Contract**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 15 Pond Level Mgmt. Ordinance**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 16 Highway & Parking Ordinance**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 17 Swim Rafts**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 18 Highway Equipment CRF**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

**Petitioned Article 19 Water Line Extension CRF**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (0-3) Mike Smith, Ralph Lutjen & Jay Buckley voted against

**Petitioned Article 20 Land Acquisition CRF**

Not recommended by the Board of Commissioners (1-2) Mike Smith & Ralph Lutjen voted against

Discussion on Neighborhood energy electric rate agreement

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to sign the Neighborhood energy agreement for the Summit pump house, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to have Jay Buckley look into finding someone to set the moorings for the rafts, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0**

Further discussion on the liability and safety of the swim rafts

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to have legal review the liability of the rafts, Jay Buckley 2nds, Mike Smith adds to send them all correspondence with Primex, Jay Buckley 2nds the amendment, passes 3-0**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to contact Primex and get in writing whether or not the rates will change if the rafts are removed, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to adjourn at 9:54am, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Wagoner, Administrator.