**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**

**2023 Public Hearing Bond/Note over $100,000**

**Friday February 24, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Friday February 24, 2023.

In attendance for the public meeting were Commissioner Ralph Lutjen, Commissioner Mike Smith, Commissioner Jay Buckley, Kelly Robitaille-DPW Foreman, Alexis Wagoner-Administrator, Larry Leonard, Larry Sodano, Doug Prescott & Mindy Prescott.

Videoed by Madison TV Kasia

At 9:09am Commissioner Ralph Lutjen calls the meeting to order

Discussion on warrant article 2 Purchase of a 2022 John Deere Backhoe.

To see if the Village District will vote to authorize the Commissioner's to enter into a long-term lease/purchase agreement in the amount of $134,320.00 (One Hundred Thirty-Four Thousand Three Hundred and Twenty) payable over a term of 7 years for the purpose of a 2022 John Deere Backhoe, and to raise and appropriate the sum of $22,972.05 (Twenty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Seventy-Two and Five Cents) for the second year's payment for that purpose. Recommended by the Board of Commissioners (2-1)

2/3 ballot vote required.

Ralph Lutjen discusses the Volvo backhoe and the repairs/issues needed in the past since the warranty expired. $29,000 in repair costs. There is a risk associated with keeping the Volvo.

**Jay Buckley makes a motion to open the public comment, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes**

**3-0**

Larry Leonard- When was it determined to need a new backhoe.

Kelly Robitaille- Explains the history of the Volvo backhoe. In the past four years the VDOE has spent $29,790 on repairs. When parts break they have to be bought from Volvo. The parts used to be available and now they are not and have to be sourced from out of the country and are hard to obtain. Chadwick and BaRoss are the ones who do the repairs and get the parts. It costs $250 just for them to come out and look at the Volvo. Opportunity presented itself with John Deere. When the Volvo was out of service we were able to rent the John Deere and of which 80% of the rental payment went to the purchase price. With the John Deere parts are readily available. There is a certified service center through Diesel Works in North Conway and the main service center is in Concord.

Ralph Lutjen explains that the interest rate is 6.25% and due to the non-appropriation clause we were unable to finance through the bank.

Discussion on the warrant article RSA and whether or not it should be a 2/3 ballot vote or majority vote. VDOE office is going to look further into it.

Discussion on what the backhoe is used for.

Kelly Robitaille states that if anyone has any questions or concerns to reach out to him. This warrant is very important for the District.

There are still ongoing issues with the Volvo, the transmission light is on at the moment.

**Jay Buckley makes a motion to close the public hearing at 9:38am, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Wagoner, Administrator.