

VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS
Water Committee Extract of Commissioners Meeting Minutes
For Joint Meeting
Tuesday December 20, 2022

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Tuesday December 20, 2022. In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Mike Smith (phone), Commissioner Ralph Lutjen, Commissioner Jay Buckley, Donna MacKinnon-Administrator, Alexis Wagoner-Administrator, Kelly Robitaille-DPW Forman & Doug Prescott. Meeting videotaped by Aysia of Madison TV

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

Public Meeting (Omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

DPW (Omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

Administration (Omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

Commissioner's Concerns/Reports

(Additional discussion omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

Jay Buckley discusses the PRV Project, yesterday 12/19/22 was the official start date. Dawson is waiting for the weather to improve so that he can safely bring his equipment up.

Jay Buckley discusses the storm: The roads were very impacted, hats off to the DPW. During the storm the electricity went out which resulted in a water emergency (the pumps turned off). Some people went for 2 days without water. The outage was not reported to the state which it should have been. Jay Buckley was in contact with Ian Hayes regarding the water levels. Once the power came back on, on Sunday Ian Hayes was able to get the pumps back up and running as well as fill the tanks back up manually. Since this incident it seems getting generators for the pump houses has become a priority. Ian Hayes has reached out to Maine Electric to get pricing for generators. This information should be available for the meeting on 1/4/22. There is also a grant application that will cover generator costs, the Water committee could fill it out and submit to the office for final submission. Jay Buckley also suggests going forward come up with an emergency plan for off hours. Mike Smith questions if we get generators for the pump houses will the SCADA system still work? Jay Buckley responds that it would still work since there would be power to the entire building and power back at the office where the SCADA system is. Mike Smith wants to discuss this with Tom from EII since he handles the SCADA system.

Mike Smith also mentions putting the generators as a warrant article for this year. Potentially splitting it between two years or just covering the additional costs depending on if we were to get the grant. Jay Buckley adds that Rick Skarinka said that we could put the generators towards the grant money.

Water Committee/ Asset Management

Doug Prescott discusses that it has been about 25 years since there was a water emergency but predicts they could be more frequent due to global warming.

Discussion on the Water Committee warrant article, the Water Committee has decided to scale back the article and not need any money from taxation. They are going to do the 1" line on Altdorf and connect that section. A bleeder will also be eliminated during the project. The article's money would be raised by increasing the water bill by \$100 and then taking the remaining funds from the Water CRF. The total project cost is \$60,927, \$50,000 would come from water usage fees and \$10,927 would come from a CRF.

Ralph Lutjen comments that he is in favor of this revision especially now with the generators being a priority. This will also allow the Commissioners and Water Committee to gather more information that is needed for these bigger projects. We will need to get CMA involved to go over the priority list with them and come up with a plan to pay for these projects.

Jay Buckley comments that over the weekend while they were trying to fill tanks water was being wasted going out the bleeders, so eliminating these would be a great thing.

Ralph Lutjen questions if we move bleeders up on the priority list? They are a huge cost though if done by themselves.

Doug Prescott replies that DES does not support doing projects just to eliminate bleeders but they do support projects that also eliminate bleeders but the bleeders are not the reason for the project.

Jay Buckley brings up a discussion on the work orders and feels that they are not complete and lack pertinent information needed to update systems. Larry Leonard had volunteered to go out and check completed work orders and double check measurements that were recorded. Additionally, information like what type and size of pipe was installed, location of the pipe and any information like that should be noted.

Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to have Jay Buckley and the Water Committee work on a protocol for work orders, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 3-0

Correspondence (Omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

Non-Public (Omitted in this Water System Committee joint-meeting extract)

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Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to adjourn at 10:18am, Jay Buckley 2nds, passes 2-0

Respectfully submitted,
Alexis Wagoner, Administrator.

There were no Amendments by the Water System Committee to this Extract of the BOC Minutes.

Respectfully submitted,
Douglas T. Prescott