**VILLAGE DISTRICT OF EIDELWEISS**

**Commissioners Meeting**

**Tuesday June 13, 2023**

The Board of Commissioners met at 9:00am on Tuesday June 13, 2023.

In attendance for the public meeting are Commissioner Ralph Lutjen, Commissioner Mark Graffam, Commissioner Mike Smith, Alexis Wagoner-Administrator, Kelly Robitaille-DPW Forman, Jay Buckley, Dinah Reiss, Wooda McNiven, Robert Navitsky & Doug Prescott.

Meeting videotaped by Carol of Madison TV

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

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the agenda Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Public Meeting**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the 6/5/2023 Meeting Minutes, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0.**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the 6/5/2023 Non-Public Meeting Minutes, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0.**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the 6/6/2023 Meeting Minutes, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0.**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the 6/8/2023 Meeting Minutes, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0.**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the Payroll Manifest for $7,827.00, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to approve the Operating Account Manifest for $6,401.78, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

**DPW**

Office got a verbal cash offer for the Volvo Backhoe for $28,000.

**Mark Graffam makes a motion to counter the offer at $33,000 with a $500 check deposit and written agreement, Ralph Lutjen 2nds for discussion, Ralph Lutjen makes amendment to contact a broker and inform the potential buyer we will have a decision in a week, Mark Graffam 2nds, motion passes with amendment 2-1 Mike Smith voted against.**

Discussion on the outhouses, Fadden has not gotten back to the DPW. Contacted the porta potty company Madison uses and it’s a little for $3,500 for 3 months plus a one-time delivery fee of $230.

Wooda McNiven states he spoke with Fadden, and they have us on their radar they are just very busy at the moment.

Doug Prescott mentions a new company, Turner Septic out of Fryeburg, that may be able to do the job.

Mike Smith states that he spoke with the cleaner who suggested us putting game cameras up to catch people and license plates dumping trash in the outhouses.

**Mike Smith makes a motion to have the office get a quote on game cameras for the outhouses, Ralph Lutjen 2nds for discussion, motion passes 3-0**

Discussion on signs at the outhouses stating you are on camera no dumping of trash.

Mark Graffam questions when the white lines will be painted at the stop signs, Kelly Robitaille replies once the weather allow hopefully end of this week early next week.

**Admin**

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to accept the investment policy, Mark Graffam 2nds, passes 3-0**

Discussion on office flooring will be installed tomorrow 6/14/23.

**Mike Smith makes a motion to close the office once the work begins on the floors, Ralph Lutjen 2nds for discussion, motion failed 1-2 Mark Graffam and Ralph Lutjen vote against.**

The Simply Water contract should be in mid-week for discussion next week.

Discussion on Nick Sceggell coming out from Dubois & King to inspect the PRV Pit.

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to accept Nick Sceggell’s proposal to come out and inspect the PRV Pit, Mike Smith 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Commissioner Reports**

Mark Graffam had nothing to report.

Mike Smith discusses when he was away the other two commissioners voted to have the office send out meeting folders on Friday and Monday. This is unnecessary given the amount of work the office already has.

**Mike Smith makes a motion to have the office send out the meeting folder on Monday’s like in the past, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, motion passes 2-1 Mark Graffam voted against.**

Mike Smith discusses an encounter with a previous water operator, Mark Graffam elaborates on past events.

Ralph Lutjen states he has some concerns about the schedule of the rafts and launching them in July is a bit late.

Doug Prescott responds that they have revised the plan and are able to get them in sooner. The hardware is being delivered this week and the repairs will begin. Hoping to have them in by the fourth of July.

Ralph Lutjen discusses the water system. One project is Interlaken, we need to have the ledge probing done to determine a better estimated cost.

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to have ledge probing done at Interlaken Circle, Mike Smith 2nds** and adds to get a quote. Jay Buckley comments that originally, they were to prob 6 feet deep in multiple locations along Interlaken and Altdorf and if they had time, they were also going to do the Bern/Huttwil connector. The price before was $3,500 for a day. Mike Smith suggests getting a contractor on board before we do any work. Ralph Lutjen replies yes just want to get a quote for now. Need to get a quote for a specific time period to ensure Ian would be available to be on site during the ledge probing, **Mike Smith makes an amendment for the quote to be a time from of now until November 15th, Ralph Lutjen 2nds amendment, motion passes with amendment 3-0**

Ian Hayes is going to send over a list of contractors he suggests the District uses.

**Public Appearance**

Robert Navitsky discusses owning a lot of land on Bern Drive and that with the septic plan he would only be able to build a home that is 18 feet long. He proposed a while back that he be able to purchase some land from a neighboring property that is owned by the VDOE. The previous BOC voted to sell a 90-foot section of the piece of property. I had the land surveyed and marked out. So now I am here hoping we can proceed.

Discussion on there being a minimum lot size of 2 acres.

Robert Navitsky explains how the Eidelweiss owned lot is not buildable. The state has informed him that if the VDOE will put in writing that the lot is not buildable then he would be able to purchase and add the .50 acres into his existing lot. Robert Navitsky is asking the Commissioners to deem the property as unbuildable. Ralph Lutjen responds that he isn’t sure if he would be ok with deeming land unbuildable. He doesn’t want to set a precedent going forward. Also, there could be mitigation done to the land to make it buildable. He questions if Robert would be interested in purchasing the whole piece of land. Robert Navitsky says he is unable to buy the entire piece of property.

**Public Comment**

Doug Prescott comments that the link to Madison TV is not working, the office will look into it.

Jay Buckley questions having an auction for the kayaks, normally that happens on Memorial day weekend.

**Ralph Lutjen makes a motion to set an auction date of June 24th at 10am, Mark Graffam 2nds, passes 3-0**

**Mike Smith makes a motion to adjourn at 10:23am, Ralph Lutjen 2nds, passes 3-0**

Respectfully submitted,

Alexis Wagoner, Administrator.