

SELECTPERSONS MEETING

December 30, 2008

Present: Stan Judge, Lucy Evans, Heidi Behling, Ken Simonoko – Road Agent, Jo Carpenter

Chairperson Stan Judge opened the meeting at 9:15 AM.

Minutes

This item was tabled.

Sign

1. Voucher #37 was signed.
2. The following PO's were signed:
 - FairPoint Communications - \$286.14 – December phone bills
 - Sevee & Maher Engineers, Inc. - \$1,496.45 – update Stormwater Prevention Plan
 - St. Pierre Manufacturing Corp. - \$600.00 (estimate) purchase 1 ½ sets of chains for plow truck
3. The Primex Resolution which should have been sent with the agreement was signed.
4. An Intent to Cut for David and Kim Landry's land was signed.

Correspondence

This item was tabled.

New Business

1. Meet with Road Agent Ken Simonoko – Purchase of New Plow Truck

Ken brought the Board the specs that he has been working on with International. Ken said that International is the remaining manufacturer of large trucks other than some of the very expensive ones. Ken said that he has also spoken to Jefferson, Lancaster and Gorham about their new truck purchases this year.

Ken said the cost of the truck will be about \$109,000 and the attachments such as the plow, the wing, the sander and the hydraulics will be about \$64,000.

Ken said that the truck will have special gearing which will allow a top speed of 55 mph. He said that he has speced a 310 horsepower motor. He said that he is looking at purchasing an automatic at a cost of an extra \$5,000. He told the Board that the new emission's law adds \$7,000 to the cost. He said that he has speced a very plain cab but he definitely wants 4-wheel drive this time even though the cost is \$35,000. Ken commented that if 4-wheel drive is ordered then this also means that the axles, spring and

transmission are different. Ken said that the town had 4-wheel drive up until the last plow.

Ken said that he would hope this new truck would last 20 years.

Stan asked how long the quote is good for. Ken said he doesn't remember the date but it is well after town meeting. (Later confirmed the quote on the truck is good until June.)

Stan said that he had been thinking about the financing for the new truck. He made the assumption that the truck would need to be replaced in 16 years - 2025 and he assumed a new plow truck would cost \$200,000 at that time. He said that if the Board puts \$30,000 in the Heavy Highway CR this year than we would have to borrow 45,000+ and would pay the balance off in two years or 2011. He noted that the Building loan will be paid off in 2010. He said that he calculated that for the next 14 years that \$15,000 would need to be put in the capital reserve fund for just the purchase of a new plow truck. He suggested perhaps having a separate capital reserve fund for just the plow truck and put money for the other piece of equipment in a different capital reserve fund.

Jo said she liked the idea of the breakdown for each piece of equipment but did not like the idea of a separate capital reserve fund for the plow truck.

Stan said that we need to borrow for two reasons - the price is higher than expected and the Board used money in the fund to purchase a new backhoe.

Jo agreed but said that this was discussed at the time the backhoe was purchased and the Board felt that the backhoe purchase was the best thing to do for the town. Jo said a separate fund would take that flexibility away. She said also if a piece of equipment was damaged and needed to be replaced, insurance reimbursement might not cover the replacement fully and money from the capital reserve fund would be needed.

The Board agreed to leave the Heavy Highway Capital Reserve Fund as is but show on their worksheets the breakdown for various pieces of equipment.

Jo asked Ken what would happen if the purchase of a new truck did not pass. He said that the current plow could last another year.

Ken told the Board that he also looked into renting a container for trash and having that hauled. He said renting the container would be \$700 per month, dropping it off and hauling to Mt. Carberry Landfill would be about \$700 per month.

Ken said that he will continue working on tightening up the cost of the truck. The Board agreed to use \$175,000 for budgeting.

Old Business

1. Noise Issue

Jo said that Attorney Jon Frizzell is still waiting for the date of the hearing.

2. Vacation Time

Jo told the Board that Ken took two weeks of vacation but he still has two unused weeks. The Board agreed that Ken did better this year but picking up an extra week is why he still has two left. Stan said that it will be hard for Ken to take four weeks vacation just because of the nature of the job.

The Board agreed to pay Ken for his unused vacation time but also decided to set up a meeting with Ken in the spring to talk about vacation time and also about hiring some extra help.

New Business (continued)

2. Financial Report

The Financial Report was reviewed. While some accounts are overspent on the whole things look okay. We will come in under budget for the year. Jo will tighten up these figures over the next few days once all 2008 bills are in.

3. 2009 Budget

The budget was reviewed. The value for the purchase of the new plow truck was adjusted to reflect the meeting with Ken Simonoko today.

The Board will look at the Capital Reserve Funds and Expendable trust in hopes to lower them at the next meeting.

Other

1. Set Meeting Dates

The next meeting was set for Thursday January 8th at 4:00 PM. The Fire Department will be scheduled for 6:00 PM.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 AM