

SOUTH ALBURGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR MEETING

Monday, November 19, 2018 at 6:30 PM
Alburgh Municipal Conference Room

Present: Prudential Committee Members Alton Bruso, John Fitzgerald and Tony Speranza via phone
Treasurer Richard Ernst
Admin. Assistant Danielle James Choiniere
Guests: Charles Mackin, Charles Goodling and George Boutah

Meeting was called to order at 6:40 PM by Chair John Fitzgerald. Tony Speranza was announced via phone.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

Danielle wanted to correct the meeting minutes to be approved from November 15th to October 15th.

VISITOR INPUT – PHASE II EXPANSION

Engingeer Charles Goodling from DuBois & King passed out a handout of calculations and figures suggested for an expansion. The lowest flow rate the state would allow is 180 gallons per day per ERU. This would, given a target number, wouldn't require an extra filter in the village water plant (though there is the room) and could save money. A meeting with the Village board to see what capacity they'd like to retain and to give them an update on the project would be worthwhile. Both Rural Development and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund both have grants available, though the best “deal” looks to be Rural Development, especially if the district can acquire grants to fund up to 75%.

The board had to decide to move forward until they hear from grant application results in the spring or remain more or less at a standstill and save funds. Alton was apprehensive about spending money blindly. Tony asked about how much keeping on schedule would cost. Charles Goodling estimated about \$15,000-\$20,000. That could possibly be rolled into the Rural Development loan. Tony asked if the estimated project cost included hydrants and blasting. He was told yes, included blasting but not hydrants. Not enough storage capacity for fire protection.

Alton was more optimistic on the Route 129 premise as it's nearly two miles shorter to place piping. Blasting through more ledge, cutting through the swamp, and much fewer homes along that route were mentioned.

Charles Mackin said he'd like to help the project. George Boutah said once SAFD2 was thinking about going his way on Haylde Road and he would like municipal water. Would there be more Phases after a Phase II? The board expressed they'd like to, especially to form a loop of water line and not dead ends.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Alton Bruso motioned to approve the report as printed. John Fitzgerald seconded, all in favor. So approved. The board talked about opening another CD at NCFCU as interest rates weren't bad.

<u>People's United Bank</u>	\$22,601.33 (Operating Account)
	\$1,003.63 (Project Account)
	\$18,464.74 (Savings/Capital Funds)

NorthCountry Federal Credit Union \$86,410.66 (Savings/Capital Funds)
\$4,548.50 (Regular Shares)

\$360.66 Admin Assistant's paycheck for November
\$120 to Alburgh Village for water on/off charges
\$20.17 for Go Daddy domain name (annual fee)
\$49 to Weebly for annual website hosting
\$168 to Endyne for water testing

John Fitzgerald motioned to approve invoices totaling \$718.83. Alton Brusco seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

Richard Ernst and the board wanted to bring up the total gallons billed for fire district to pay the Village had a big discrepancy to what they were billing district customers. They will inquire further.

A January meeting with the Village board of trustees was suggested.

WATER OR OPERATIONS ISSUES/ CORRESPONDANCE/ MISC

Included in the prior topics of discussion.

ADJOURN

John Fitzgerald motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:40 PM. Alton Brusco seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere

These minutes are draft only, not slated for approval until the next board meeting of December 17, 2018.