

SOUTH ALBURGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2 REGULAR MEETING
Monday, September 16, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Alburgh Municipal Conference Room

Present: Prudential Committee Members Alton Bruso, John Fitzgerald, Tony Speranza
Treasurer Richard Ernst
Admin. Assistant Danielle James Choiniere

Guests Lisa Richardson, Brian Bessette, Michel Rochedieu, Kathy Rochedieu, Aimee Wilson, Karl Haloj, Judy Riani,
Charles Kelly, Michele Kelly, Claude Lallier

Meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Chair John Fitzgerald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alton Bruso motioned to approve August's regular meeting minutes. Tony Speranza seconded, all in favor. Alton Bruso motioned to approve August's special meeting minutes. Tony Speranza seconded, all in favor.

VISITOR INPUT

Several residents living on VT Route 129 were present to learn more about why they would not be getting municipal water in Phase II and when they may expect it. The board discussed the months of meetings and discussions where Phase II's location was researched. Originally it was supposed to be II but due to a lack of response of interest surveys, the cost of a swamp crossing, an uphill grade to traverse, it seemed more cost effective to head down Route 2 and south. Michele Kelly asked when their area may get water and the board had no easy answer. Brian Bessette had done some research on the state's various departments and shared that the Department of Environmental Conservation means to bring clean water to everyone—so how to get this accomplished? The board said grants may be out there as nothing with engineering is free and even studies can cost several thousand dollars.

New resident Aimee Haloj said it was very hard to get a house loan with poor water quality and it discourages new home buyers. Judy Riani also input the area's demographics are changing—more year-round users—than when the 2016 interest surveys were mailed out. Karl Haloj asked if residents had grant application info, would the board like to see it? The response was yes! A water line down Route 129 was not out of their minds.

AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT / WARRANT

Tony Speranza motioned to approve treasurer's report. Alton Bruso seconded, all in favor. So approved.

<u>People's United Bank</u>	\$69,803.80 (Operating Account)
	\$1,003.95 (Project Account)
	\$6,872.53 (Savings/Capital Funds)
<u>NorthCountry Federal Credit Union</u>	\$88,223.81 (Savings/Capital Funds)
	\$4,623.65 (Savings)
	\$6.16 (Regular Shares)

\$360.66 Admin Assistant's paycheck for September
\$3,881.50 to DuBois & King for engineering from project account

John Fitzgerald motioned to approve invoices totaling **\$4,242.16** from the and project and operating accounts. Tony Speranza seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

WATER OR OPERATIONS ISSUES/ CORRESPONDANCE/ MISC

Most of the visitor input hit on the ongoing topics. The board discussed editing new water service contracts so they can start getting committed users for Phase II. Kathy Rochedieu asked which side of the road the water line would go by her home, what depth and location it would be and if people could start using water before the entire line is in place. The board said most of those questions will be up to engineers to perform and that it would be great if users could start having water and adding to district revenue before the project was 100% completed.

ADJOURN

Alton Brusco motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:43 PM. Richard Ernst 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 October 21, 2019.

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