

South Alburgh Fire District No. 2

Annual Meeting

June 9, 2014 Minutes

Present: Prudential Committee members Paul Hansen, Judy Higgins, and John Fitzgerald, Treasurer Dick Ernst, Clerk Laura Buel, Phelps Engineers John Kiernan and Robert Clark.
Members of Public in Attendance: Alton Bruso

The meeting was called to order at 7:04pm.

Chairman's Report:

Paul Hansen presented the Chairman's Report in which he summarized the important steps in the journey to where we are today, focusing primarily on what has happened since the 2013 Annual Meeting. A year ago we were 6 agreements short of the 49 needed to go out to bid. By the July 15th meeting we had the necessary number, and by Aug. 29 we had 6 submitted bids. Munson Earth-Moving was awarded the contract and the actual first construction of pipe began on October 29. When Munson shut down for the winter on December 18, they had installed 40 % of the pipe. Munson resumed operations on April 21, 2014. During the shutdown and throughout the spring the Board has been working hard to prepare a Water Ordinance and creating an Operating Agreement with the Village of Alburgh. It is expected that customers will be connected and receiving water by the end of July.

Treasurer's Report:

Dick Ernst reviewed the financial statements in the Annual Report. The only significant discussion was around how the State Planning Loan of \$570,726.17 for the Preliminary Engineering is to be paid back. Whereas the final engineering costs and the construction costs will be paid through the water bills of the water system consumers, these preliminary costs will be borne by all of the South Alburgh Fire District residents. It will be paid back at a -3% interest rate for 30 years, resulting in about a .008 tax rate (.8 of 1 percent).

Budget for the Fiscal Year beginning July 1, 2014:

Judy Higgins moved to approve the Budget of \$60,781.00 as presented for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. John Fitzgerald seconded. The motion passed.

Election of officers:

Dick Ernst nominated Laura Buel for Clerk for a 1 year term. Laura Buel was reelected Clerk. Judy Higgins nominated Dick Ernst for Treasurer for a 1 year term. Dick Ernst was reelected Treasurer.

There remained open a position of Tax Collector.

Election of Prudential Committee Member:

Dick Ernst nominated Paul Hansen for Prudential Committee Member for a 3 year term. Paul Hansen was reelected as a member of the Prudential Committee.

Dick Ernst moved to adjourn at 7:56pm. Judy Higgins seconded. The motion passed.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Buel, Board Clerk