

SOUTH ALBURGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2
REGULAR MEETING
Monday, July 17, 2017 at 6:30 PM
Alburgh Municipal Conference Room

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

Guests: Mike Donoughue, Paul Civetti, Raleigh Palmer, Darwin Cameron, Clyde Yarnell

Raleigh Palmer presented a petition. No direct further action was taken.

Meeting was called to order at 6:42 PM by Chair John Fitzgerald.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Alton Bruso motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 19 as presented. Richard seconded, all in favor. So approved.

VISITOR INPUT

Raleigh and Paul delivered a suggestion for a Phase II operation. The district should pay to bring water lines down private roads, and maintain ownership of the lines. While this would be an added expense, it would more than likely garner more users who otherwise would have a hardship traversing the length of their road to reach the main line, and would not otherwise be system users. Raleigh said this could be done at about 20% of the cost of putting line down a main road, factoring in less traffic issues and compacted soils.

Another issue brought up was dead-end lines would have the poorest circulation, and water quality/safety may be an issue if privately owned.

Paul stated water lines should be looped whenever possible and to recommend that to future project engineers. He said people are frustrated about being promised water and it's never come, just bills. He also made the point the price increases on everything, so prolonging a Phase II only raises eventual costs. Poor Farm Road is also in bad shape. The Town doesn't want to pave it if future waterline installation will mess it up, but in the district's delay, the road is getting a little worse each year.

Paul and Raleigh were both advocates of charging district property owners an equal share of loan debt, rather than basing a tax on assessed property value.

TREASURER'S REPORT

<u>People's United Bank</u>	\$53,507.88 (Operating Account)
	\$1,002.75 (Project Account)
	\$13,441.05 (Savings/Capital Funds)
<u>NorthCountry Federal Credit Union</u>	\$85,211.88 (Savings/Capital Funds)
	\$2,330.98 (Reserve Account)

Alton motioned to accept Treasurer's Report. John seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

\$360.66 Admin Assistant's paycheck for July
\$64.77 to IRS for June withholding

\$12.87 to State for June withholding
\$180 to Alburgh Village for water turn ons
\$3,257.92 to Alburgh Village for purchase of water
\$42.88 to Alburgh Village for flushing waterlines
\$500 to NEMRC for computer software programming
\$540 to Endyne for water testing
\$88 to postal service for PO Box rental for a year

Alton motioned to pay the bills totaling **\$5,047.10**. John seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

REVOTE WARNING REVIEW

Some wording was changed, getting rid of the "taxation" term in Article II. There was discussion about adding a third article, adding interest and penalty for delinquent balances. The warning was not approved as the board was awaiting clarification on whether penalty and interest for water delinquencies, like taxes, needed voter approval.

GRANT APPLICATION RESULTS

Application to Rural Development for a grant to research Phase II was not awarded. However, they did say they would fund the study in their next fiscal year which starts October 1, 2017. The board said they have asked if it would be possible to pay for the study now, and get reimbursed from the grant when its funds were available. No reply was yet received at the time the meeting commenced.

DELINQUENT TAX COLLECTOR APPOINTMENT

Alton motioned to name Danielle James Choiniere as delinquent tax collector. John seconded, all in favor. Appointment made.

VILLAGE RATE FOR WATER ON/OFFS

Alburgh Village mentioned this service was above and beyond the superintendent's normal duties. There are other municipalities who do not offer this service. The superintendent's rate is \$40 per hour for services above and beyond his normal duties.

TABLED ISSUES

Remained tabled.

ADJOURN

John motioned to adjourn at 8:50 PM. Brusco seconded, all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Danielle James Choiniere

These minutes are draft only, not slated for approval until the next regular board meeting of August 21, 2017.