

SOUTH ALBURGH FIRE DISTRICT NO. 2  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30 PM  
Alburgh Municipal Conference Room

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

Guests: Jeremy Rathbun and Charles Goodling of DuBois & King

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

**AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Question on new construction as it pertains to connecting to the water. The order of the agenda was arranged to have the engineers talk first rather than towards the end of the meeting.

**VISITOR INPUT/ FILES @ PHELPS ENGINEERING/ EXPANSION/ GRANT APPLICATION**

Jeremy Rathbun and Charles Goodling from DuBois & King attended the meeting to touch base on expansion and funding for it. The federal government is still working on a continuing resolution to organize and fund various programs. SAFD2 did receive a SEARCH grant for up to \$30,000, but money has not yet been allocated. Hopefully there will be more news in January. There is also the possibility to get a loan from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund. For a Phase II, the district already has jumped through a lot of hoops planning and designing from several years prior. Though updates are definitely needed, much work has been done already. DuBois & King did succeed in getting the district's files from the now defunct Phelps Engineering and will attend the January meeting to propose a basic plan to start a Phase II. From survey data done last year, the density of interest for municipal water centered around Poor Farm Road and the lower regions of Alburgh. With one Phase already under the district's belt, costs and implementation should be easier. Jeremy mentioned the price of directional boring has fortunately dropped. The board discussed forging ahead with or without a grant.

Because of approaching holidays and a willingness to see the engineers form starting plans, it was decided to have the next meeting January 15. Alton Bruso said he wanted to see a proposed number of users and price of pipe. More than one scenario can be run.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Alton Bruso motioned to approve the regular meeting minutes of 10/16 as presented. John seconded, all in favor. So approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

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| <u>People's United Bank</u>              | \$21,117.11 (Operating Account)     |
|  | \$1,002.92 (Project Account)        |
|  | \$18,446.29 (Savings/Capital Funds) |
| <u>NorthCountry Federal Credit Union</u> | \$85,512.36 (Savings/Capital Funds) |
|  | \$2,332.16 (Reserve Account)        |

**\$360.66** Admin Assistant's paycheck

**\$19.89** to Admin Assistant for reimbursement (spray paint to paint blow-offs)

Alton motioned to accept the Treasurer's Report as printed. Tony seconded, all in favor. Motion carried. John motioned to pay the bills totaling **\$380.55**. Alton seconded, all in favor. Motion carried.

**WATER/ OPERATIONS ISSUES**

As the flushing was not done when specified, John Fitzgerald to speak with Jason Beaulac.

The project close-out documents were not yet signed to account for information that needed updating, and looking into a \$25K loan exemption.

Flags for the blow-offs should be purchased so snow plows can see them better.

#### **AGENDA ADJUSTMENTS**

Danielle relayed a call she received from new owner of WS427, a lot of land. He explained he wanted to construct a house, but inquired on whether he could build a well. Danielle read him a section of ordinance that explained that scenario. She was under the impression if the home set far enough back from the road, he could build a well, but the board said if the property was within 500ft of the water line, new constructions must connect. John Fitzgerald, who lives nearby, explained some history on the lot in question, as well as its sister lots. Danielle will try to contact new buyer to clarify.

#### **TABLED ITEMS**

Nothing new.

#### **ADJOURN**

Alton motioned to adjourn at 8:43 PM. Richard 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 January 15, 2018.