

Village of Derby Line, Vermont
Trustees Meeting
February 1, 2022
Derby Line Village Hall

Call to Order:

Present were Trustees Richard Creaser, Keith Beadle and Sarah Webster.

Also, present were Jaret Judd, Brian Fletcher, Road Foreman, & Madeleine Roy, Assistant Village Clerk.

The regular meeting was called to order by Trustee Richard Creaser at 6:30 pm.

Additions or Deletions to the agenda:

- Laramie Quote for Elm St. Sewer Pump
- Phone Call from Vermont's Dana Negy Re: Beebe Plain Water

Sarah made a motion to waive the reading of Rules of Procedure. Keith seconded. Motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of the January 18, 2022 Meeting:

Keith made a motion to accept the minutes of the Jan. 18, 2022 meeting as written. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Tabled Items:

- 1) Stanstead Sewer Treatment Plant Reconstruction – nothing new on this issue per Keith
- 2) Local COVID Relief Funds – Richard noted that NVDA will soon be holding a virtual seminar on the latest expansions and clarifications of how this money can be used by municipalities.

Richard suggested that the two added items to the agenda be taken up before getting into the budget. All agreed.

Laramie Quote on Elm St. Sewer Pump:

The quote has come through at \$47,843.52, which includes \$4,005.29 for Phase 3 power conversion. The quote might be reduced by this latter amount if Vermont Electric Coop finds that only a basic fix is needed to the power line/connection rather than installing new Phase 3. We are still waiting for a quote for the basket-type, which would need periodic clean-out. The basket would not be the best answer to the problem and would only be a band aid fix. Brian suggested we ask someone from VT Rural Water to come and explain to the Trustees and road crew what type of pump he would recommend be put in. The pump on Elm St. is a high priority right now.

Jaret mentioned that replacing the control panel at the Main St. station would make it easier and more accessible for a technician to work on problems that arise there. This would improve the quality of this pump's output.

The Trustees discussed briefly and felt that if we have the funds to put in the Laramie quoted pump and a new control panel, we should. Keith moved to authorize Brian and Jaret to pursue these projects as per Laramie's quote. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Keith then moved to also install digital control panel at the Main St. pump station as per the Champlin Associates, Inc./Laramie quote of 12/22/21 of \$7,158.79. Sarah seconded. Motion carried.

Richard noted that ARPA funds can be used for all these items.

Beebe Plain Water Issue:

Keith stated he had received a call from Dana Negy of the State of Vermont indicating that they are not really concerned about the issues with the Beebe Plain, VT water. It was suggested to plan a meeting between the Town of Stanstead, Town of Derby, Village of Derby Center and Village of Derby Line to discuss and find a solution. However, this is not an issue that Derby Line has anything to do with. It is strictly a Town of Stanstead/Beebe Plain issue. Keith agreed to call Negy tomorrow and advise that Derby Line does not want to get involved.

Budget for 2022:

The Trustees continued working on the new budget. Brian requested that the Road Budget be looked at tonight. He and Jaret had questions about the amounts showing in the Actual Budget for 2021 for truck fuel (diesel), paving, sand/gravel/salt, signage, and repair/supplies for the water system. Laurie will be consulted for clarification of the figures now showing to see if they are correct.

Brian and Jaret also would like to see what Casella is actually charging for garbage pickup and whether they will reduce their cost if our road crew brings the park garbage and places it into the large dumpster at the garage so Casella only makes one stop. It might also be a good idea to get quotes from other garbage companies.

Business from Trustees, Treasurer and Road Foreman:

Trustee Resignation: Keith Beadle submitted his letter of resignation to be effective as of the date of the next village annual meeting. With thanks for his many years of service to the village, Sarah regrettably moved to accept Keith Beadle's resignation as Trustee of the Village of Derby Line as of the next annual meeting. Richard seconded. Motion carried.

Plow on Village Truck: Brian confirmed that they are still using a borrowed plow from the dealer and still waiting for the arrival of the plow that was purchased with the new truck. A plow matching the one purchased was found three weeks ago in MA, but has not come yet.

Quotes for Loader: Jaret stated that he has been researching quotes for the purchase of a loader for the Trustees to consider. With the current supply chain issues of all products and equipment, it may take as much as two years or more before a loader even becomes available.

New Business from the Audience: None

Old business from the Audience (5-minute limit unless otherwise directed): None

Executive Session: None

Next Meeting: The next regularly scheduled meeting will be on February 15, 2022 at 6:30 pm.

Review and Sign Bank Statement: No

Warrants were Reviewed and Signed: Yes

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The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Madeleine C. Roy, Assistant Village Clerk