

Minutes
Special Insurance meeting DPW Garage Fire
Wednesday, July 22, 2015

Present: Mayor Carol Weaver

Trustees: Richard Phillips
Dale Leiser
Brian Murphy

Absent: Trustee Robert Puckett

Also attending: David Booth; Glenn Smith; Ray Jurkowski; Chuck Rothermel; Frank & Bonnie Shannon; Matt Cohn; Pet Hunter; Alexandra Spivy; Harry & Sue Van Alstyne; Lea Bray.

Mayor Weaver opened the meeting at 6:00 pm and informed the public the meeting was for informational purposes only.

A discussion concerning the size of the building needed to move forward with the rebuild of the DPW garage ensued. The concern of the size of the building for the equipment needed to run the village DPW was of concern. The insurance will cover the cost of the rebuild if the village were to stay in the same foot print. The insurance would allow for any new code requirements. Several areas that are required by OSHA would be proper ventilation, handicapped bathroom, an eye wash station and two points of egress.

The previous building was very tight when all the equipment was inside to the point of nonfunctional. There was no working space or room to move around the equipment safely. If the village was to build a bigger building the village would have to incur the cost of enlarging the building.

Trustee Dale Leiser and David Booth conducted a site visit at the newly built garage in Philmont. They felt this was an example of a building to look at for the size, purpose and cost of a new garage. The space is adequate for their equipment and to have workspace. The employees completed the interior work as time allowed.

Trustee Phillips felt we were putting the cart before the horse not knowing if we were going to rebuild.

The village has not met with the Town of Kinderhook to consider merging the DPW.

Trustee Murphy noted just because we lost a building why are we trying to expand the new building. Trustee Leiser noted had had put funds in the budget to purchase Quonset Hut to house equipment and alleviate crowding in the garage.

Trustee Leiser feels we have to consider building a bigger building with the size of the equipment needed to run the village. With housing the trucks, salters, leaf machine etc...

Ray Jurkowski noted based on the current equipment and future equipment that may be purchased you will need depth to the building to safely hold the equipment.

Equipment– Dave noted when calling for equipment he was informed of a municipal lease program that allows a dollar buy out at the end of the lease. It is a 3%– 4% interest for equipment leased for 5–7 years and a 2%–4% interest for less than 5 years. Dave informed the board of several pieces of equipment he is looking at. Trustee Phillips would like to prioritize what equipment is needed. He feels the pricing of the equipment is more than what we will receive in insurance money.

The leaf machine is the biggest concern at this point. There are no machines available to rent or lease at this time.

The village was gifted a 1990 international truck with 120,000 miles on it by Columbia County. Dave noted this would be a great work truck to haul material and keep the newer trucks in better condition.

Trustee Philips feels the village should see what insurance money we have to replace the equipment and come back with a wish list of the equipment we will need to run the village. Mayor Weaver would like to scale back the size of the building proposed and review what equipment is needed and meet again. Mayor Weaver scheduled a meeting for Thursday, July 30th at 6:00 pm she will inform Trustee Puckett of the meeting.

Mayor Weaver made a motion to adjourn the special meeting and enter into executive session at 6:40 pm to discuss litigation; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted “aye”.

The village board agreed to have Mayor Weaver write a letter to Ryan, Biggs, Clark, Davis Engineering informing them of the ongoing correspondence with the previous Clark Engineering. The letter to Ryan Biggs will also address the request by Ann and Doug Clark to the Village for additional reimbursement above the signed contract for the sewer project; recommendations from DOT for 27 Chatham Street and the close out DOT work permit. Trustee Phillips made a motion to adjourn executive session at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder
Village Clerk