

TOWN OF DELHI
EMERGENCY BOARD MEETING
August 8, 2018
5:00PM

Supervisor Tuthill called the emergency meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Those present:

Councilmember: Janet Tweed, Bill Cairns, Al Perkins, Matt Krzyston

Absent: Highway Superintendent: Daren Evans

Resident(s): Lillian Browne – The Reporter

Emergency Business:

Supervisor Tuthill explained the reason for the “emergency meeting,” due to equipment failure one of the town trucks “came apart” and the dump body flipped over. The good news is that no one was injured. We are short on trucks already and the highway department has been scrambling; they have found a truck on an auction site which will end tonight at 6:15pm. Highway Superintendent Evans and the highway mechanic Matt Condon have driven to the auction site to inspect the truck and have been in contract with Councilmember Cairns regarding such. Councilmember Cairns stated the truck is very clean and Matt Condon has driven the truck.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that he spoke with the attorney this morning and although it is not necessary to hold an emergency meeting to purchase a truck from an auction it alleviates any potential issues to hold the meeting.

Councilmember Cairns further explained that a neighboring town has offered \$25,000 for the truck but the Town of Mohawk decided to put it on the auction site for high bid. There are a couple of bidders on this truck now as he was watching the site. The truck is a 2004 Paystar 500 6x6 with 100,150 miles and 5,583 hours diesel with 11 foot Viking plow, wing and a 14’ dump box. The truck is all-wheel drive. Councilmember Cairns stated that we could reach them by cell now to discuss what their thoughts. Councilmember Cairns proceeded to call them and Town Supervisor Tuthill questioned what the mechanic thought. Superintendent Evans stated the mechanic was happy with the truck and that the Town had put \$17,000 into the truck last year. The mechanic gave his thoughts and felt it was a good truck. Supervisor Tuthill asked what they believed should be offered, both the Highway Superintendent and the mechanic both agreed between \$35,000 and \$40,000. They were told to bid on auction as the neighboring town would get it if it did not make enough at auction. Superintendent Evans has access to the auction site and would be back in time to bid before the auction ends.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that we would use the “Good Neighbor” account until the claim is settled. Supervisor Tuthill stated that superintendent Evans fought with the insurance company last year to keep the coverage as it is as they wanted to lower the value, Councilmember Perkins stated that we should be fine; we may have negotiate after the facts with the insurance company regarding salvaging the truck if wanted. The new truck which is being purchased may not be here until March of 2019.

Councilmember’s discussed the cap to be placed on the bid and it is necessary that we have an all-wheel drive with our roads. The auction process was discussed as far as placing bid increments and capping

the bid. Councilmember Cairns made the motion to allow Highway Superintendent Evans to cap the bid at \$44,900 with Councilmember Perkins seconding. Motion carried.

Supervisor Tuthill stated that Judge Gumo had informed him that the Court Clerk has submitted her resignation; he is requesting that the board approve advertising for the position before the August 14th regular board meeting. Councilmember Perkins authorized the town clerk to advertise in the Reporter, Indeed and CDO Workforce the position of Court Clerk, Councilmember Tweed seconded. Motion carried. Salary will be based on experience.

Adjourn:

There being no further business to come before the board Councilmember Cairns made the motion to adjourn at 5:30pm, Councilmember Perkins seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

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Town Clerk, Town of Delhi