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JH: Jennifer Heim

MF: Michael J. Falk , Town Supervisor

JB: Jon Belec, Councilperson

LB: Leta Button, Councilperson

BC: Bill Carey, Councilperson

BM: Bruce Mayer, Councilperson

JC: James Campbell, Town Attorney

KA: Keith Arner, Highway Superintendent

DM: Dan Marcellus

All: I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

MF: Okay. All right, we have no public hearings today. Did everybody get a chance to look at the supervisor's report?

BM: Yes. Move it, be approved as published.

MF: Is there a second?

LB: Second.

MF: All those in favor?

BM: Aye.

LB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed. Motion carried. Did everyone get a chance to approve the Town Board Minutes from March 3rd?

BM: Yes. Move. They be approved as published.

MF: Is there a second?

JB: I'll second it. It's Jon.

MF: All those in favor?

BM: Aye.

JB: Aye.

LB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed? Motion carried? Did everyone have a chance to review the abstracts?

JB: I did.

BM: I did.

LB: Yeah.

MF: Okay. I entertain a motion to move them.

BM: I move they be paid.

MF: Is there a second?

LB: Second.

JB: I'll second it. Oops.

MF: All in favor?

JB: Aye.

BM: Aye.

LB: Aye. Sorry, Jon.

MF: Those opposed?

JB: I thought I was supposed to filibuster.

MF: Okay. Jenn, do we have anybody else on the line? No. Right?

JH: No, we do not.

MF: Okay. Was there a building inspector report, because if there was, I didn't see it?

JH: I did not see one.

MF: Right. Okay. So we're going to table that until next time. Water District Operator Report. Keith.

KA: Okay. The District 1, our sample was negative. Chlorine residual was 0.05%. Still tracking the usage loss. District 2, meters are all changed except for

Meisenzahl and Meadow Lark Park, the mobile home park that we're attempting to rectify. District 3, the meter replacement started. Bromley Road's finished. York Street's finished. And we will be ongoing with Martin Road. The meter installation has stopped under the current developments. We'll wait and see how things go, and we'll try to finish them up the best we can. District 4 is still ongoing with the developer. I haven't heard out of him out of any of the other houses. So we're still having meters being installed.

MF: Okay. Along with that I--I had sent out an e-mail earlier about the fiscal condition of water District #2.

BM: Yes.

MF: The things that we had discussed over the last six months, last Board and this Board, have come into being. I'm looking at lending water District 2 \$100,000 from the B General Fund at 2.75% interest for the balance of the calendar year while we set up a bond anticipation note.

BM: It seems like a reasonable decision. We have to get the bond anticipation note done by the end of the year. So do we need official paperwork or do we need a hearing for that?

JC: We will for the bond anticipation note. We'll have to go through an authorization called the bond resolution, which will require a public hearing. So as soon as we have an amount that we want to authorize, and we want to make sure that amount is adequate. We don't want to have to go back and amend a bond resolution automatic.

BM: And do a second one. Yes. I can understand that. So the question is are you going to draw the paperwork up, and then we have to still schedule a meeting, which is another month out from whenever you give us the paperwork?

JC: Right. What will happen is we do have to use a bond counsel. Bond counsel are created and approved under the Public Finance Law to do bond issuances. So usually I use Tim McGill. He's an attorney. He's really good. He's been around for quite some time. Probably about 30 years doing this work. And he's reasonable and quick.

BM: He should know what he's doing. Yeah. Okay.

JC: Yeah. Yeah, he does. So once you give me an amount, I will move through that process, retain him, and I'll present the paperwork to you, and I'll walk you through it as we--as we need to. But we should have plenty of time to do that as long as we get on the resolution.

BM: Okay.

JC: And then once the bond resolution has been adopted by the Board after the public hearing, that authorizes us to go out and get a bond anticipation note, which we'll, you know, call the various lenders, local lenders, and we'll try to get as competitive rate as we can, and then prepare the paperwork for that. And-- it's--it's a mini closing with the lender, but it's not anything too complicated.

MF: Okay.

BM: We for surely need to authorize you to begin working on the paperwork then?

JC: That would be good.

BM: Or just go ahead and do it by your request.

JC: That would be good by a resolution.

BM: Okay.

JC: Right.

MF: Right. Right so first matter on the table then is the lending of the stop gap on me from the B fund over to Water District 2. So I'm looking for a motion to lend \$100,000 from the B fund to Water District 2 at 2.75% interest.

BM: So moved.

MF: Is there a second?

LB: Second.

MF: All is in favor?

BM: Aye.

LB: Aye.

JB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed? Motion carried. Okay. The second thing I'd be looking for would be a motion to have Attorney Campbell start the process for the bond antici- -- the bond--bond work.

BM: I think that's a very reasonable idea. And unless somebody has objections, I would make that as a motion.

LB: Second.

MF: All those in favor?

BM: Aye.

LB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed? Motion carried. Okay. Moving on then. The sidewalk installation progress. So as you saw in your email, the final easement has been granted.

BM: Yay. Thank you to whoever finally engineered that. I tried, but didn't--didn't--didn't make it, so.

MF: Yeah. Well, it's finally done, so. The Highway Department has the drainage and things that we discussed last time to do. And the stake out, you can see the flags on the lawn. And that will now start to progress forward at some point.

BM: Okay.

MF: I did get in touch with the grant writer at Livingston County to let them know that that easement had been gotten. We are still on track to apply for the transportation grant in July.

BM: Okay.

MF: The dog park has progressed a bit. Neenan Farms is going to be installing drain tile where the dog park is going in so that the ground can then be prepped and seeded this year. The fencing and other pieces of the dog park would then go in next year after the lawn was fully evolved.

And then the last piece on my list today is the other note I sent out about possibly moving forward with the construction of the elevator. So currently, the elevator estimate sits at \$155,769. And we have \$217,179 in our capital building fund. So we could pay for the entire thing in cash without depleting our resources all the way to the bottom.

BM: Well, I think it makes sense to get it done. We've certainly talked about it for a good many of the years that I've been on the Board and ran into various stumbling blocks. The mechanics of it were not as simple, so the cost of it was in the millions, a million, a million-and-a-half to do an elevator with counterweights and all of that stuff.

So this is--they finally have made the screw type elevators a viable process for higher distances. So we can now do it that way, I guess. So it makes it a whole

lot cheaper and it looks fine, because you can put 6- 700 pounds on there, which is a person plus a part if they're in a wheelchair, a motorized wheelchair would be able to fit on there, and then go up and down and so on. It's one at a time or two at a time person. One or two people at a time, but that's fine. We just need to be able to have something to get people up and down and around.

MF: Right.

BM: So I think it's a really great idea. I depends if we can do it.

MF: I think--yeah, I think the model we were looking at is actually a 1400 pound payload.

BM: That's good. That'll work.

MF: We can fit five people comfortably can be in there. Although not under the COVID-19 guidelines.

BM: No, definitely not under the COVID-19 guidelines. One at a time. Right?

MF: So the next step would be to unleash Clark Patterson Lee to form a project around it and then go out to bid, which, you know, the process is not instant. It does take a while.

BM: Right.

MF: By the bids and all the other people that are coming in. We're going to be looking sometime in June I'm sure or July.

BM: Well, Clark Patterson, even if they started now, would still take a while because they have to look through the building and all of the structure and get all the designs done. Right? They're the designers.

MF: That's actually been completed.

BM: Okay.

MF: We already--we already have the--we already have those people.

BM: Okay.

MF: It's more taking their blueprints now and doing the actual--the actual bid documents and there are pieces that go with it.

BM: Okay.

MF: Jim likes--

BM: We're further--further ahead than I thought. Good.

MF: Yeah. Anybody else have an opinion on this?

LB: Well, if we have the money, we might as well do it now to get it done.

MF: Jon.

JB: Sure.

MF: All right. So I would entertain a motion to move ahead with the bidding process.

BM: So moved.

MF: Is there a second?

LB: Second.

MF: All those in favor?

BM: Aye.

JB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed? Motion carried. Okay. Keith, anything else?

KA: Yes, I have a couple things. I've been in talks with the village, with Ben actually, the last couple of months, and he says he's talked to his Board, and they would be willing to possibly go in on halves as far as looking at the used small excavator that we could possibly use for continuing work on the side lock and any other smaller jobs that we have.

Naturally, they would have a use for it also. Their current budget year doesn't start until June. But he says they have money in reserves, and he's already gotten approval from his Board to go ahead if we go found a machine that was, you know, suitable for us. I had looked at a couple of different vendors. Actually, there is one in Pennsylvania that looks fairly promising, too. I do have \$16,0000 in my equipment fund, which I figured would be adequate. I don't know if I would have to use it all. It depends on, you know, if we can go around and look at a couple of machines. But I would have to advertise for bids, write out some specs, advertise for bids, and we would have to see what we got in for bids, and, then, you know, take it from there. If the Board doesn't have any problem with it, if anybody's got any problems with it, that's fine. And it's not something that has to be rushed. But, you know, if it's--if we have approval, I would have to

advertise it. I'd have Jon advertise it, and we'd take it from there and see how it goes.

BM: The village borrows quite a bit of equipment from us. They have smaller equipment than we do. Is some of theirs available sometimes or are they using it constantly?

KA: Well, they don't really have anything small enough to do that kind of work through.

BM: Okay.

KA: The backhoe's actually--and last year--within the last year or two we've generally rented one, and we've--we've probably already spent about \$5,000 on rental fees. So for me, that's kind of a waste of money. I--I would like to avoid having to do that this year.

BM: Okay.

KA: You know, if you're--if you're going to spend that amount of money, you might as well purchase a machine and have it around. Like I said, they would be more than willing to go in 50%. And I think if me--me and Ben went around and actually looked at the machine and, you know, look at what machines were available, and we found something that was suitable, that it would work for both the town and the village. And, you know, I'm sure our--our shared agreements would cover that also, correct, Jim?

JC: Yes.

BM: It should. If we had that--get it added on the list.

KA: So, I guess, what I'd be looking for if nobody does have a problem with it is approval to go ahead and advertise for bids.

MF: We would ask them to look into--go to bid for a mini excavator. That could have been 16--over \$16,000 for our half.

KA: Yeah, right.

MF: So a total purchase price of \$32,000, split between the town and village evenly. Motion anybody?

JB: I'd like to motion a bid for an excavator.

BM: I'll second it.

MF: There's a second. All those in favor?

LB: Aye.

JB: Aye.

MF: Those opposed? Motion carried. Anything else?

KA: Yes. One other thing. And I guess I'm looking for the Board's opinion on this. I talked to Mike about it earlier. Personally, myself, I think we would be all right with it, but, I guess, I'm looking for some other input from the Board members. But do you think we should go ahead and then continue on with our spring cleanup on the 1st and the 2nd of May? I want to bring this issue up because of the current situation.

My suggestion to Mike would be to have signage when people show up to drop their stuff off. Plus, if Jenn advertises it. Plus, we could put it on the Web page that if people do bring stuff up, that they just remain in the vehicles basically with their windows closed and, you know, not have any physical contact with each other. I don't think it would present a problem. Like I said, if they stay remained in their vehicles and my guys did the labor, I think we would be okay. What do you think, Jim? Do you think we'd be all right on that or?

JC: You know, I have mixed feelings on it. You know, I always think about the potential for liability. I think if they stay in their vehicles, that helps minimize the potential for anything going wrong. But, you know, and I don't think that it would probably likely be thought of as some kind of essential service. Not that that would be the threshold, but that's how people are kind of thinking now what's essential versus nonessential.

KA: Right.

JC: And we're finding that more and more people are pointing the finger at those that they feel are not complying with the executive orders that are currently out. So you might have some naysayers, even though it's really a community service, you might have some people out there that take exception to it, probably, you know, not something that's going to be a showstopper. But I think you just need to be aware that.

KA: That's fine. I've got no problem with it. I guess maybe what we could consider is how about a postponement?

JB: That's where I would lean. You know, it goes along with the optics and actual safety. And if we're touching all their stuff anyway, is it really helping anyone? You know, the people who are collecting it are still in danger.

JC: Right.

JB: I don't, I mean, call me crazy, I'm just go ahead and say it. I really don't see this lasting too much longer. Three weeks, four weeks. I mean, we've got to get back to work here. And we don't know what next week is going to look like, truthfully, but I would be in favor of postponing it.

KA: Okay. I know the village has a third weekend of May, and, I guess, that's their decision. But, you know, if we--if I get clarification on this, and we decide to postpone it, I would naturally have to contact--contact Shanks (ph?) and just let them know that we were going to be off for that--that first week that we'd have to postpone it. And I guess it was--the rest of the summer would basically depend on their schedule also.

JC: Yeah. You probably want to let him know sooner as opposed to later, because I think a number of communities are making the decision to postpone. So and if you start looking in June or July, you might find their calendar getting backed up. So you might want to get on it if you can.

KA: Right. Right. No, that's fine. Yeah. I didn't really consider that as an alternative, but I guess that would probably be a safer bet.

JB: The unfortunate thing is a lot of people have free time on their hands, so I'm sure they're doing a lot of spring cleaning.

KA: And that's what I was kind of thinking too, but like I said, I didn't really consider, you know, a postponement, but, I guess, it's something that we could do. And, you know, if we had to, you know, we could always move that basically to another whole weekend. I don't know what other municipalities do if they're, you know, if they're keeping during their regular work hours. It is two half-a-day scenarios. You know, if worse came to worse, we could always make it a one day or something. But, I guess, that's maybe to take the safe route, that that would probably be a good idea.

JC: All right.

KA: And if worse comes to worse off, their schedules are all full, and we have to skip it, then so be it.

MF: I think we have a legitimate excuse.

JC: All right.

KA: Everybody in favor of that?

BM: How far out should we go, July or August, or?

KA: Like I said, that'll depend on Shank's, Bruce.

BM: Okay. Well, I was wondering what you'd be asking for.

KA: Like I said, that's kind of a hard decision to make now, you know.

BM: Yeah. Okay.

KA: Should we shoot--shoot for something like for the middle or the end of June? I can try it.

MF: Try for the end of June and we'll see what we got.

KA: Okay.

MF: All right. Anything else, Keith?

KA: No, that's it.

MF: Okay. All right. Jim.

BC: Yes. Can you hear me?

MF: Yes.

BC: Okay. This is Bill Carey.

BM: Oh, hi, Bill.

BC: Hi.

MF: Hi, Bill Carey.

BC: Did you start the meeting yet? You said call in at 20 after.

MF: What do you mean 20 after. We said call in 10 of.

BC: Oh, that's what you said ten minutes before the meeting. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought it was 6:30. Well, did I miss anything? I'm sorry.

MF: We're just--we're just winding down. Let me--I'm running around the virtual room here. Jim Campbell, you're up next.

JC: So I don't really have anything unless anybody has any specific questions for me. These are very different times and things are changing. So even if you don't

have any questions now, if anything comes up, feel free to email me, and I will certainly do the best I can to get you an answer.

MF: Okay. Thank you. Bruce.

BM: I have nothing specific at this point. I think it's great that we got the sidewalk authorization to go across that property. Thank you.

KA: I do believe that we will be able to--

BM: We'll think of the Board meeting.

KA: I do believe we would be able to possibly take care of Mr. Clark's front lawn, hopefully, next week, and we'll get that squared away before we start the actual sidewalk installation.

BM: All right. Thank you, Keith.

KA: Yeah, we have the material.

MF: Okay. Next would be Leta.

LB: I have nothing to add.

MF: Jon.

JB: Did you say Jon?

MF: Jon, yes.

JB: No. I have nothing to add. As a matter of fact, I need to run out and throw a couple logs on the fire, so go ahead.

MF: Bill?

BC: Yeah, I've got nothing to add considering I missed the whole stupid meeting.

MF: Okay.

BC: The courts--the courts aren't working though, right, Mike?

MF: Yes and no. You have to do something of large proportions to get into court right now.

BC: Okay. They had it on TV. I just wondered. They said that most of them weren't doing much. It's really bad crimes. I just wondered if that got to affect all the places, Livingston, and all the counties.

MF: Right.

BC: All right. No. That's it.

MF: We shut down.

BC: Okay.

MF: So joining us is Dan Marcellus. Dan, do you have anything that you'd like to add in?

DM: Did you unmute me?

MF: I think so.

JH: He cut out.

MF: Oh.

DM: I'm here.

JB: I hear him.

MF: Did you have something you wanted to add?

DM: No, no, nothing to add. I was just checking to see how it was going.

MF: Okay. Very good. All righty then. So if there is nothing else from anyone, then I would entertain to adjourn.

BM: Motion to adjourn.

JB: Second.

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