

Village of Balsam Lake

Sewer/Water/M&E Committee

Monday November 18th, 2024

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Len Manning at 4:04 p.m.

Members present on roll call: Jamey Flaherty, Kellie Flaherty, Len Manning.

Others present: David Patterson.

No Public Comments

Discussion and possible action regarding Village owned skid steer. The Village currently participates in an annual skid steer trade in program offered by Baribeau Implement Co. Inc. Director of Public Works, David Paterson notes, the Village of Balsam Lake has benefited from this program. With the trade in price of the Village owned skid steer offsetting the price of a new 2024 New Holland L328SN, the total purchase price to the Village would be \$2,500.00. DPW stated, the proposed purchase price is less than purchasing a full set of new tires for current skid steer and the public works department installing them. Chair Len Manning inquired on the general likeability the department has on utilizing New Holland skid steers. It was noted by DPW that the department has no complaints. **Motion by Jamey Flaherty to trade in existing skid steer and to purchase a new 2024 New Holland L328SN skid steer from Baribeau Implement Co. Inc. for \$2,500.00. Second by Kellie Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Discussion and possible action regarding Village owned lawnmower. Similar to the skid steer trade in program, for the past few years the Village has also participated in a lawnmower trade in program with Jeff's Small Engine. With the trade in of the current Village owned lawnmower and the purchase of a new Lazer Z X-Series lawnmower the proposed cost to the Village is \$2,098.99. It was noted the cost for 2025 is slightly higher than last year due to an increase of hours on the Village owned mower. **Motion by Kellie Flaherty to trade in existing lawnmower and to purchase a new Lazer Z X-Series lawnmower from Jeff's Small Engine costing the Village \$2,098.99. Second by Jamey Flaherty. All in Favor. Carried.**

Update on Water Treatment Plant Project. Through installing the water mains from well 1 and well 2, many community members noted the number of trees taken down. DPW stated, tree removal was apart of the overall bid for the water treatment plant. While taking down the trees where the water mains now run, more trees were taken in the surrounding area because they were already dead. Why it is a significant loss, the removal of dead trees was done to improve the overall health of the park. Grants and pricing for installing new trees is being looked into by the clerk's office at this time. DPW also noted there is a Lakeland Communications power box that needs to be moved as its currently located in the middle of an easement and where the water main will need to be installed. Lakeland Communications is not able to move said box until January 2025. There were two change orders approved at the last Village Board meeting, those have been completed and DPW is pleased with the progress.

Motion to adjourn by Kellie Flaherty. Seconded by Jamey Flaherty. Carried. 4:15 p.m.

Amy VanDeBrake, Village Clerk Treasurer