

SPECIAL MEETING

April 18, 2016

A special meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Alfred was held at 6:00 pm on Monday, April 18, 2016. The purpose of the meeting was to review bids received for a new roller that were opened at the regular monthly meeting held on April 14, 2016. All Board members were present as well as Highway Superintendent Brad Price and Town Clerk Janice Burdick.

A comparison report was prepared to show the specs and if the different bids met the specs or not. Brad Price stated that PESH is going to require and enclosed cab in the future.

Dan Acton questioned the Tier 3 and 4 emissions. Brad Price explained that it is an emissions law but doesn't know when they will require the Tier 4. CAT included it in their bid which would be a \$16,000 upgrade. Hyundai's bid would be increased \$5-7000 to go to the Tier 4. Mr. Price thought it would be 4-5 years before Tier 4 goes into effect. The Town's plan is to replace this roller in 2-3 years so stick with the Tier 3 emissions.

Case - Unaware of Buy Back terms. They prefer to Town send it to Auction and then buy a new one. Brad Price stated that the Cat is comparable to the Hyundai but more money.

Hyundai – Buy Back program – after three years can get a new machine. Basically no maintenance due to machine being under warranty.

Jerry Snyder commented that he likes the plan for buying new because we have the money for it but not for this piece of equipment due to not using it enough to warrant the cost. Mr. Snyder asked about the future when a new loader or truck is needed. Dan Acton stated if continue to use CHIPS money to purchase equipment, doesn't deplete the reserves.

Jerry Snyder stated that if the Town had another man and a used roller, could get a lot more work done. Dan Acton added that the problem with hiring another person is it isn't in the budget and possible problem with Union if temporary employee. Fion MacCrea asked if there was another man, could you have 2 road crews to do ditching. Brad Price responded that he could have 1 crew do ditching and mowing and one work with the excavator.

Mary Stearns stated that if the Town changes its mind to purchase a used vs. new would have to start over again with bidding. Jerry Snyder added that he has looked at about 20 used rollers in good shape. Dan Acton stated that he appreciates all of Jerry's work, but since it was already voted to accept bids for a new roller, feels the Town should buy from the bids received. Mary Stearns commented on the email received from the CAT salesman who didn't have much good to say about the Hyundai. Bob Ormsby stated that he hasn't seen anything to change his mind from voting no to this.

After further discussion and reviewing the specifications of each bidder, a motion was made to purchase the Hyundai at a cost of \$104,500 payable over three years. The Hyundai met all the specifications and had the best buy back program. The motion was seconded by Fion MacCrea and carried 3-2 with Jerry Snyder and Bob Ormsby voting no.

Other Business: Highway Superintendent Brad Price explained that he is trying to do 4 miles of complete overhaul each year. That includes mowing, changing pipes, grinding and oil and

stoning. Dan Acton requested a list of all Town roads, whether it is oil and stoned or dirt, and when the last time it was done. Brad Price said he will try and come up with something. Fion MacCrea commented that talks with Jerry Snyder and the amount of time that has been spent talking about equipment vs. amount of time spent talking about roads. Ditching and shoulders – are there cases where they are going out and redoing ditches and not working on shoulders? Brad Price commented that the State has a road widener and will check into using it if possible. Then they will work on shoulders and ditches. Discussion regarding what equipment to sell ended with suggesting selling the International and the 10 wheeler. It was suggested getting an appraisal first then decide how to sell them.

A motion to adjourn at 6:00 pm was made by Mary Stearns seconded by Dan Acton and carried 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Janice L. Burdick
Town Clerk