

Village of Champlain Special Board Meeting November 7, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Village of Champlain was held on Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 at the Village Office, 11104 Route 9, Champlain, New York. Present were Mayor Martin, Trustees McFetridge, Thomas Trombley, Kim Trombley and Secretary Sousa.

Mayor Martin called the meeting to order at 5:19 p.m.

Award Bid for Wastewater Treatment Plant Blower Replacement

Three (3) bids were received. The bid from Rosell East was eliminated as it was much higher than the other two. The bids were as follows:

	<u>Bid Base</u>	<u>Installation of DO</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Pipeline Mechanical	\$166,700	\$34,000	\$200,700
Laplante	\$168,000	\$33,000	\$201,000
Roselle East	\$259,000	\$31,000	\$290,000

Karen Clark, engineer at Barton & Loguidice has checked references on both bidders. The low bidder had good references from both of its largest references. They have only been in business since earlier this year, but is made up of a group originally from K&L plumbing.

Trustee Thomas Trombley asked if there will be any scheduling problems.

Mayor Martin said that according to Pipeline, they indicated on their bid that they agree to “perform all work within the times indicated in this bid”

Trustee Kim Trombley asked what Karen Clark is referring to in her email when she mentions bidding and the law. Mayor Martin said she was referring to our Best Value policy.

Trustee Thomas Trombley asked about the Bonding Company.

Mayor Martin said that it is all in order, according to his conversation with Karen Clark.

A motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee McFetridge to go with Pipeline Mechanical for a total bid of \$200,700, which includes installation of new blowers and the Elective bid for installation of DO probes, controller, conduit and wiring.

Trustee Thomas Trombley wanted to know that they will be able to start right away.

Mayor Martin said that once B&L has awarded the contract, Karen Clark can tell us when they will be able to start. Trustee Thomas Trombley asked that if she has documentation of that, to have that forwarded to the Village Board.

Trustee Thomas Trombley amended is motion to include the stipulation that the lowest bidder start as soon as possible. Amended motion seconded by Trustee McFetridge.

Roll Call Vote as follows:

Trustee Kim Trombley	Aye
Trustee McFetridge	Aye
Trustee Thomas Trombley	Aye
Mayor Martin	Aye

Motion carried.

Water Project

Mayor Martin will be meeting with Larry Barcomb from the Town tomorrow regarding repayment of the loan for the water project. He wants to see what position the Town will take. The Village feels that 25% of the loan is our responsibility. 75% was spent on new infrastructure in the Town and we should not pay any Town portion of this debt.

We signed the IMA, but it is not worth anything. When the short term note was due, the Town accepted 25% village/75% Town repayment. Last year they accepted 40%Village/60%Village split for repayment when we agreed to adjust their water rates. At this point, they are getting water at \$.24 less per thousand gallons than they did for the previous 10 years. Discussion followed.

Water Line Replacement

Mayor Martin said that we need to look at how we can pay for a water line replacement in the Village from Ashline Drive to Elm Street. We had three (3) breaks on that line last weekend.

Additional/Temporary Employee

Mayor Martin said only one person picked up an application for temporary work in the Village over the winter. He said that the DPW thinks that they can handle it on their own, but he is afraid that they will burn out.

Trustee Thomas Trombley said he is concerned that if someone gets sick now, we'll be in trouble and is favor of hiring for a full-time position.

Mayor Martin said he would like someone temporary to get through the winter.

Thomas Trombley asked how we will fill that position if we have no interest. He felt we could use a full-time position that will cover us for the summer too. When Jimmy comes back we will be prepared if someone else is out. We may also have someone retiring soon.

Mayor Martin said we most probably will have someone retiring within 20 months.

Trustee McFetridge asked if we should be looking for someone for the water position.

Trustee Thomas Trombley felt we need to get someone in place and someone with a class B license for snow plowing. We have more infrastructure to maintain now and Supt. Jolicoeur needs more help. We should add a fulltime positions and this may be the only way to fill it. We are not filling Jimmy's spot but we want to avoid what is happening now.

Trustee Kim Trombley said that this will benefit us in the long run. We can't find anyone who will work temporarily until April who is qualified. With another fulltime person, Supt. Jolicoeur can get back to the job of being superintendent.

Trustee McFetridge asked if there is something between a temporary and full-time permanent employee. She is not positive that, once Jimmy returns, we will need a full-time person. But right now, we do need someone.

Trustee Thomas Trombley said that every year, we hire an extra person temporarily, in addition to Supt. Jolicoeur doing the work of another person.

Trustee Kim Trombley said we wouldn't have to hire someone every summer.

Mayor Martin said that we haven't paved in three (3) years.

Trustee McFetridge said that we lost an employee during the water project (supt. Jolicoeur).

Trustee Kim Trombley said that this will get him back as superintendent and we will have another employee in place.

Mayor Martin said that he would speak to Supt. Jolicoeur for his input and agreement to another full-time employee.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the board, at 6:04 pm a motion was made by Trustee Thomas Trombley and seconded by Trustee Kim Trombley to adjourn. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.