

**COMMITTEE DAY
LAKE PLEASANT, NY
MONDAY
DECEMBER 29, 2014**

**PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
9:00 AM**

Members present: Brian Towers, Brian Wells, and Phil Snyder

Also present: Bill Farber, Bob Edwards, Clark Seaman, Tracy Eldridge and Pete Klein

Mr. Towers stated they are here today because Highway Superintendent Eldridge wanted to discuss differential pay for the night shift and Phase III of the fuel consolidation project.

Superintendent Eldridge stated that Mr. Don Rhodes is planning on being here to discuss the Phase III Fuel Consolidation.

Superintendent Eldridge reported the night shift differential is currently a dollar an hour; it was adjusted eleven years ago from fifty cents to one dollar.

Mr. Towers asked how long had it been at fifty cents.

The Chairman stated since it was established. Superintendent Eldridge stated he doesn't know when that was. He is asking if the committee might consider a possible twenty five cent increase.

Mr. Edwards stated his concern is we just finished the budget session and he is not comfortable opening up something right after.

Superintendent Eldridge stated the employees just came to him and the thought didn't even occur during the budget discussions. He told his employees that he would bring it up at his next committee meeting.

One advantage Superintendent Eldridge stated is with his budget all the over time that is built in and he doesn't feel it would really effect it. It only effects Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant but not Long Lake. The State reimburses us for the Lake Pleasant crew when they are on the night shift on State roads; they pay for the night differential.

Mr. Farber asked what towns have night shifts. Superintendent Eldridge stated none.

Mr. Towers asked what is considered a night shift.

Superintendent Eldridge stated he has two employees that come in at 2:30 PM to 10:30 PM for Indian Lake and Lake Pleasant. If there is a bad storm then extra guys are called in. They do the Court House in the afternoons and they have to keep the fuel depot cleaned out due to everyone using it.

Mr. Towers asked how many miles of county roads do we do in Indian Lake.

Superintendent Eldridge stated twenty miles and some town roads.

Mr. Farber stated that he supports looking at the rate but would like to do it at budget time.

Superintendent Eldridge asked if any of their towns offer a bonus call-out. He knows that Inlet and Arietta do. This is what the employees come to Superintendent Eldridge with and that is why they are asking.

The other issue that they have brought to him is could they swap some overtime for comp-time. It could be a dollars saving but in other times he needs staff when they are busy.

Mr. Snyder stated he loves comp-time because when they take time off you save tax payers money.

Superintendent Eldridge's concern is with the comp-time that he would lose staff in the summer months when they are busy.

Mr. Snyder stated put limitations on it as they did in the Town of Benson.

The Fuel Consolidation Phase II is just about wrapped up. The generator in Long Lake has been placed and the hookup has been completed. They just need to do a few more punch list items. They are starting to do keys for the county departments. They have approximately 500 customers.

The Lake Pleasant and Arietta fuel depots will be switched over in the spring to the same Fuelmaster as Indian Lake and Long Lake so all the keys will work at any depot.

Mr. Towers asked if they had any problems with the new fuel depot working, Superintendent Eldridge stated no, just a few minor issues.

Superintendent Eldridge stated this phase went better than the first one.

Superintendent Eldridge reported the power went out in Indian Lake before the generator was hooked up and everyone was in an up roar. Superintendent Eldridge has some diesel at his White Birch Lane location and they all have credit cards for gas so it was just an inconvenience.

The generator is now hooked up and ready to go in Indian Lake.

Mr. McGovern entered during the discussion.

Mr. Farber asked who else has diesel in Indian Lake if something happened at our depot.

Superintendent Eldridge stated Indian Lake Petroleum and DOT is still on-line.

Mr. Farber stated just for an optional plan or as a backup get the word out so that everyone knows where they can get fuel.

Superintendent Eldridge stated if there is a software issue he can override it and get fuel. This fuel system has a lot of safety features built into it.

Mr. Wells stated they have three or four one hundred and fifty gallon tanks that go in the back of a pickup. If we went down all four of them would get us through, they just need to be prepared.

For Phase III – Superintendent Eldridge reported we were awarded \$797,029.00. The original proposed cost is 1,012,000.00 which makes us \$113,000.00 short. The original local match was 10% of that which is \$100,000.00 which puts us up to \$215,000.00 which is 21%. He feels there are ways to save a fair amount of money. The original proposal was to put new tanks in Inlet, a new tank in Wells, move DOT's protective tanks to Benson and Hope and remove all existing tanks in the Town of Wells as well as Inlet, Benson and Hope. We have a fairly new 6,000 gallon tank at White Birch Lane, we could be creative in moving that tank to Inlet. By doing that we could save a fair amount of money and save by doing some work in-house. Superintendent Eldridge stated that he would like to keep the local share at 10% not 21%.

It was decided to have a resolution at the January Meeting to get the process moving.