

COPPLE CROWN VILLAGE DISTRICT ANNUAL MEETING

APRIL 7, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

Cindy Wheeler presented the budget.

It was mentioned that the \$1,000 collected annually was no longer going to be collected to be put in to the specific Uranium fund. Leona LeBlanc asked if the filters used to collect Uranium. Steve Mraz explained that the numbers don't indicate that they are filling up much at all. George Sherback said that he thought the filters were half full and Corey Bisson explained that the numbers we received indicate that the filters are well below half full and not collecting at a fast enough rate to need to reserve the money specifically for the replacement of the filters. Cindy Wheeler reiterated that the money would be going to a capital reserve fund, instead of a specific fund. Pat Grant asked if we had the numbers to support this. Corey Bisson and Kelly Bisson informed her that Jake Dawson had the numbers from the annual report performed last year.

Pat Grant also had a question about what the capital reserve fund was. Cindy Wheeler explained that any money we don't use by the end of the year goes towards tax relief for the following year, unless we put it in the fund. That way we can save the money from year to year if we feel we need to do so.

Pat Grant also asked about the \$40,000 that went towards the road bond that was paid off last year. Steve Mraz and Cindy Wheeler explained that it is still part of the budget, but no longer designated specifically to the roads. George Sherback expressed concern that \$40,000 isn't much. Steve Mraz said that we didn't think taking out another road bond right away was the way to go, so this way, we at least have money for repairs.

Leona LeBlanc asked if there were residents that suffered hardships due to the tax rate increase. If not, was it possible to keep the rate up to build some extra money? Cindy Wheeler acknowledged that there probably were, but moreover, it effects the selling and buying of houses in the village. It was further noted that the tax rate is affected by the revenue reported. The preliminary budget is due before September, so water residents should really aim to have their bills paid before September for accurate reporting.

Pat Grant asked if Plodzic and Sanderson had been paid. The officers informed her that it had. Pat Grant then mentioned that that was part of the reporting that affected the tax rate. She then asked if we had paid LRW. Steve Mraz informed her that we will pay them when we get insurance money.

Ed McGlinchy expressed concern over the tax rate being affected by the residents on the water system. The main concern was that the taxes cover the shortfall if the water residents don't pay their water bill. He recalled that the people on the water system would be the only ones paying for the system, and those that are on their own wells should not have to make up for any shortfall. It was explained that while everybody's tax rate would go up if water bills were not paid, they would also all go down when all excess water bills were paid. Paula Pero asked what was being done about negligent bills and Pat Grant echoed the concern. Steve Mraz and Corey Bisson assured them that there are notices being sent, and that we have shut off at least one person. It was outlined that we are willing to work with residents, as long as they communicate with us. If people go longer than a year without communication, they will be sent a formal letter, and if there is no further communication, they will have their water shut off. Steve Mraz, Corey Bisson and Kelly Bisson mentioned that getting help from law enforcement and any legal help has been hard to come by, so we are managing these matters on our own.

Paula Pero also asked about a resident using water (via a hose) from another property. Corey Bisson informed her that it was no longer a problem. Steve Mraz explained the situation further and assured her that it is no longer happening.

Pat Grant asked if the letters being sent for past due water bills were registered letters. Steve Mraz said he did not believe so, but we have a few new letters that need to be sent and we will look in to that.

Kelly Bisson presented the warrant and the ballot.

George Sherback asked what Article 4 was. Kelly Bisson explained that it was to be able to vote on any business that came up between the time of creating and printing the warrants and the current voting day. Cindy Wheeler also explained that we were told by DRA that we need to have that as a warrant article annually.

Voting was declared open at 7:42pm

Clean up day was talked about.

Paula Pero suggested we clean up along Mountain Drive. We will rent a brush hog to trim back brush along the road. It was also noted that we should have a few people picking up trash.

The pool fence needs some repair and painting.

The Treasurer's report was read and accepted.

Beginning Balance: \$26,638.30

Ending Balance: \$36,222.75

Cindy Wheeler noted that we are now getting monthly disbursements from the town instead of getting them quarterly.

Virginia Skinner asked about recreating the pond for fire control. Steve Mraz agreed that it would be a good idea but said that there was some work to the overflow pipe that needs to be done, as well as clearing out the weeds. George Sherback mentioned we would most likely need a permit. We will see what DES has to say about that. We may also need to fix the culvert to keep the water in. Steve Mraz will talk to the Fire Chief to see what needs to be done for that project.

Paula Pero asked if we could get power in to the garage. Bruce Wheeler suggested we get an idea from Mat Pero as to what he needs so we can get adequate power and heat wired in. George Sherback suggested a light on the pole as well. Steve Mraz said he would contact Eversource to get that ball rolling.

Paula Pero said that Mat Pero had found a leak by Christine Volinsky's house. Corey Bisson said that Jake Dawson is aware of it but will be able to track it better after everything is thawed. There is a possibility it could be a spring. Steve Mraz will talk to Mat Pero and see if they can find it so Jake can assess it better.

Pat Grant asked about the telemetry for the Franconia pump house. Corey assured her it was a false indication and that everything is running properly.

Paula Pero suggested we set a date for clean up day. We agreed on May 5th, with a rain date of May 12th. Steve Mraz said he planed on working on the pool as part of clean up day. Kelly Bisson agreed to make signs.

Paula Pero asked about a new place to post notices. Chris Gibbs and Kelly Bisson mentioned that we were looking to do something in conjunction with the new mailbox stands at Saint Moritz Drive. Virginia Skinner asked about solicitations on the entrance sign, and Kelly Bisson said that we will no longer allow that once the mailbox stands and posting area are complete. Steve Mraz said that we have been allowing it for now, as the new areas haven't been set up yet.

Pat Grant asked how the truck was doing. Steve Mraz said it was going great. Paula Pero said that it needs a new windshield and that it needs to be inspected for this year. Corey Bisson said that we are working on the insurance end of things for the windshield. Steve Mraz will get the spare key from Mat Pero so that we can take care of the windshield and then get it inspected.

Pat Grant also inquired about service for the truck. Bruce Wheeler suggested a general inspection to make sure warrantee items were still operational. George Sherback said that a normal service might not be enough for the truck, and it was agreed that it would need a service for an extreme use vehicle.

Pat Grant asked what the issue was with the sander (referencing last month's minutes). Steve Mraz informed her that we had a part break, but that had been fixed. Kelly Bisson also informed her that there had been concern about the sanding pattern, so we are going to look in to making a sheet metal shielding to concentrate the sand towards the middle of the road. Ed McGlinchy asked about extra parts and Chris Gibbs said that we are planning on buying extra parts over the summer to make repairs during next winter easier.

Pat Grant asked about the repair to Mountain Drive after the fire. Chris Gibbs and Steve Mraz said that since it was so recent, we don't have any idea on cost. We are going to try and get three bids, once the weight limit on the roads is no longer in place, to get that section fixed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm

Results:

Article 1: Passed (16 yes, 0 no)

Article 2: Passed (16 yes, 0 no)

Article 3: Passed (16 yes, 0 no)

Article 4: Passed (13 yes, 0 no)

✓Commissioner (1 year) – Steve Mraz (17)

✓Commissioner (1 year) – Chris Gibbs (16)

Commissioner (1 year) – Virginia Skinner (1)

✓Treasurer (1 year) – Cindy Wheeler (16)

✓Secretary (1 year) – Kelly Bisson (15)

17 ballots, no absentee ballots

17 people were in attendance

Voting closed at 8:42pm