

Town of Schroepel
Town Board Meeting
February 28, 2023

Present: Town Board Members Cary Redhead, JoAnn Nazarian, Zachary Gelling, Lewis Hoyt, Nicklaus Hoyt; and Town Clerk Darlene Owens.

At 6:01 p.m. Redhead called meeting to order with the Pledge Allegiance.

SEQR Motion: Gelling made a **Motion** that all actions taken tonight are excluded, exempt or Type II actions for the purpose of the State Environmental Quality Review Law unless otherwise stated; seconded by L. Hoyt. All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt, Redhead.

REDHEAD: Any residents that would like to address the board? Owens said she did not get any requests.

Ray Allen (resident) asked if they were going to do a Workshop after this meeting.

REDHEAD: No; is there something you specifically like to discuss.

Ray Allen: Real quick, just wondering about the Chestnut Street grinding station down there; is that pump that's down there is that just for scrappers to come and take away; the pit's left open. I don't think the pit should be left open for anybody to just climb into.

OTB Grinder Pump

NAZARIAN: The grinder pit on Huntley Road is open in front of OTB?

Ray Allen: It's been open for a while. Whoever done the work just left all the pumps and stuff down there. Is thereI don't know if there is a _____ charged to that thing or anything. But the top is still open down there.

NAZARIAN: I'll will look into it, Ray. Thank you for bringing that up.

L. HOYT: I thought it was a sump pump.

GELLEING: He's talking to get down into it.

L. HOYT: I drive by it a few times a week to see if they are doing anything.

NAZARIAN: I go by there tomorrow, Ray, I wasn't even aware that is was open. I'll have Cliff go with me. He's gone down there with me before. (REDHEAD: And he is checking it.) I hope we can just close it. I don't know how any of that works. Cliff will know.

Ray Allen: I don't know if there is a key to it, if it is bolted down or what.

REDHEAD: Thank you, Ray.

GELLING: Asked Redhead if she had any further updates on the OTB grinder pump. Redhead said she has an updates coming up on that after she has a couple other things on the list ___?? ___switch me over to that... *can't understand it*go over to that.

REDHEAD: So I had an opportunity to speak with Kevin Conway um from Seiwert Equipment and our original order date was October 18, 2023 for the um OTB grinder station, and being that they are not one of the companies that are able to service this area what not, he did speak with her about reaching out to other areas in this about area in this area about... He did speak to me about reaching out to local companies, municipalities, other places around here to do a recommendation on them. One of the them was the Village of Phoenix, um uh Justin. Som not that long ago there was an issue and there um Nick who works from home from Siewerts he Justin had to call him and Nick who lives in Clay responded to an issue that Justin had within about 18 minutes. And there um they have the Village did not, does not have any complaints about Siewerts. If we were to cancel then there would be repercussions being that we did order, it would just be the timeline, it would just be the work that has has somewhat come got into at this point. Our potential ship date of March 8 so we are not that far off from receiving this grinder pump.

NAZARIAN: so you contacted the company that we originally ordered the parts from, correct?

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REDHEAD: yes, and per from the last meeting to see if there was any, as you said, if we cancelled what would be the consequences what not this and that. And while I was speaking to them, I said well have you serviced any place in this area even though you were not, even though you technically do not hold a license and whatnot in this area and they did say they have, yes. Their list was not long at all. There is only a few locations that they have serviced.

NAZARIAN: But they were good references.

REDHEAD: They, yes, I mean the Village did give them a good reference and he was actually supposed to send me another one he has not sent me. That was on the 18th of the 1-18-23. He is supposed to send me an additional list of references and he has not sent me that list of references. Um, but like I said, we are due to receive the shipment on March 18th.

N. HOYT: So you said that we put the original order in on October 18th. (CR: No, yes, on October 18th yes.) Then it took all the way to last meeting to find out that we weren't supposed to purchase anything from them in this area.

REDHEAD: I'm sorry, what was that?

N. HOYT: We were told at the last meeting, or just before, that we weren't supposed to purchase any equipment from that company.

REDHEAD: It was in between those two meetings; it was in between the meetings. It was when we received the quote for the Hendersons, the Hendersons. And then I went and started looking for the quotes to do the installment. And that's when I learned that, and I also did make an additional call to another municipality as well.

N. HOYT: that's when we were told that the equipment we ordered, they had no record of it being ordered.

REDHEAD: Yep, they had no record of it being ordered. He at that time on my conversation 1-18-23 he also did not have any record of it being ordered. He actually had to call me back. He had to contact someone else to verify that it needed, that is was um ordered, that we were in the order in the lineup, that he had spoken with us, that he had spoken with me whatnot. Um and it and I said actually we emailed. I have the email dates right here and I emphasized that it was a health hazard.

NAZARIAN: OK, so I guess I am just confused because the parts were ordered, then there was a discrepancy about whether they could service this area or not (N. HOYT which was 90 days later.)

NAZARIAN: which then we contact them again, get references. They can supply parts to this area, so are we ready to move forward?

REDHEAD: we are ready to move forward. I called them to see if there was any, I called them to see if there was any um legal action or repercussions if we were to cancel, as Nick stated.

GELLING: they said yes.

REDHEAD: and whatnot and he said, well your order, well after he looked at whatnot, he said your order is March 18th and he said if you want to cancel, you are more than welcome to cancel again... and he said...

N. HOYT: (previously said) March 8th.

REDHEAD: March 8th, and he said and let and he goes, but let me tell but we are also um are, we service the Village of Phoenix. He said I believe that is right near you. This actually the only other municipality that he was able to tell me. The other municipalities that I have contacted do not use Siewerts.

NAZARIAN: are you saying you want to go with them or don't want to go with them.

REDHEAD: if it's going to be here March 18th or I mean March 8th then we might as well go with them.

NAZARIAN: so we are all set, because the parts have been ordered, we have a contractor, so there is no further action that we need. Is that everybody's understanding?

REDHEAD: Yes, yep, yes

N. HOYT: weren't we told last meeting that there would be no warranty because they don't have any jurisdiction to service this area.

NAZARIAN Right.

REDHEAD: um well when Justin reached out to Nick, who lives in Clay, they Nick when I was on the phone, it was a three-way conversation between Nick and Kevin Conway, he reassured that he would make sure and take care of anything that OTB's pump station would need. And it's a 24/7 service.

L. HOYT: when is he going to make sure of the verbal.... (comments unclear between Gelling and _____)...

N. HOYT: how did the pump get ordered on October 18th anyway.

REDHEAD: through Joanne sent an email and said could you please confirm or send me during send email and said please verify that these are the only um pieces of equipment that we need.

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NAZARIAN: I wasn't even aware of a pump station issue until November 16th.

N. HOYT: I'm not even sure of October.....

NAZARIAN: I'm not either, but as long as the parts are ordered, they are coming on March 8th, we have to line up the contractor, Henderson, to do it.

N. HOYT: Wasn't it significantly more or was that just the way the contractor...

NAZARIAN: Nick, I am so confused at this point.

N. HOYT: I don't know October's _____ time frame (___?___).

NAZARIAN: I don't think it's working, my mic. I will talk extra loud.

Garbled... whether all the mics are working.

REDHEAD: That's why we are getting new audio equipment.

N. HOYT: I guess that's why I am confused on all of that. October 18th I don't know where that came from. The issue started in November. We put in the order a while after that and then all of a sudden the meeting... we are told we can't get equipment from that company, because there is no warranty, not their jurisdiction, it's not in their region, and now we are being recommended to stick with them. I'm not sure what is going on.

REDHEAD: When we received the... *(asked to speak in the mic)*.

N. HOYT: Did you just speak with them today?

REDHEAD: Did I speak with them today? I spoke with them um my last day last week before I left on vacation. So um Joann did you not send an email asking for this right here to be ordered.

NAZARIAN: I did, but it wasn't on October 18th, it was in January.

REDHEAD: I don't know where October 18th came from.

N. HOYT: that's what I wrote down when you said it was order (NAZARIAN: a minute ago).

REDHEAD: Oh well January 18th.

GELLING: Alright, so, I guess, again, parts will be here the 8th or 18th.

REDHEAD: March 8th the parts will be here.

GELLING: and then so now we have to line up Henderson so we can move forward for them to install it.

REDHEAD: Yes, yes.

GELLING: now Henderson is the company that you said ...

REDHEAD: Henderson is the company that is family-owned and operated; the cousins took over for the older family members.

NAZARIAN: so the parts have been ordered by Siewert; they will be here March 8th and you are saying that we do have a warranty on those parts.

REDHEAD: Yes.

NAZARIAN: Henderson is the company that we got the quote for (REDHEAD: that will go down) to install them. Then you contacted Gardner or Granger or someone like that...

REDHEAD: when we received Henderson's quote, I contacted Gartner and yes I contacted Gartner

N. HOYT: so they are out of the picture now.

REDHEAD: Yes, and they were the ones that informed me of the regionals and whatnot and stuff.

N. HOYT: you were contacted on several weeks after January 18th.

REDHEAD: I contacted them when I received... when we received Gart... when we received Hen.... I never rece... we because we only had the one quote from Siewert.

N. HOYT: Right, that is what we worked off and what we ordered off of. Then several weeks later you brought it to our attention that we couldn't order from them.

REDHEAD: That is because that is what I was informed by Gartner. Because they have the Syracuse territory; Siewert is out of Rochester, Buffalo, Albany.

NAZARIAN: We have not made a motion for Henderson to do the work; we have not lined them up because I thought we were still in the process of determining where we were to get the parts from. So now the parts are going to be here March 8th and we still don't have a contractor.

GELLING: I will make a MOTION to go forward with Henderson installation to install this at OTB. And that way we can ...

N. HOYT: We need something in writing from Siewert ...that we've ordered this motor from or pump or whatever, that we are going to have a warranty on it. It's gotta be in writing.

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REDHEAD: I think you guys are all copied on the email that I sent them.

N. HOYT: I haven't seen anything regarding this.

REDHEAD: from January 18th

N. HOYT: January 18th was when the parts were ordered. You didn't step in with another, find anything else til several weeks after that in mid - February.

NAZARIAN: Now we are asking for confirmation via email about the warranty.

N. HOYT: whoever you spoke to out of Rochester stated that they had the Syracuse region only and Siewert could not provide us with any equipment. Now you are saying they are out of the equation.

REDHEAD: that Gartner is out of the equation? (N. HOYT: that is what he said). Yep, yep.

N. HOYT: that they are ones who told us that they are the only ones who could supply equipment to this area.

REDHEAD: yep, yep, and when I spoke with Kevin Conway he had me speak with references.

N. HOYT: Well references doesn't....

REDHEAD: he had me speak with the Village

N. HOYT: Nobody is doubting they can supply the material; we want to make sure we will have a warranty for the equipment other than just a verbal phone call.

REDHEAD: I will follow up with him and find out where the Justin follow up as to our conversation where the email is guaranteeing this.

N. HOYT: You are speaking of emails from January 18 which is before this...16th

REDHEAD: That's when it was ordered on the 18th.

N. HOYT: That's when they guarantee it for the warranty.

REDHEAD: That's when it was ordered. He is supposed to be sending me he is supposed to be sending me the um or the order form. He is supposed to sending me a lot of things. He was traveling at the time. I don't know if he was traveling because it was winter break; I don't know if he was traveling for business, if he was traveling New York City because of the convention down there. But he supposed to be sending me the order form along with the um the warranty.

GELLING: So I guess can we make a **MOTION** to have Henderson lined up... or make a **MOTION** to accept their bid as long as it is contingent on the warranty for Siewerts. Once we get that, that way it is Board-approved and once we get the warranty from Siewerts, the Supervisor can right ahead contact Henderson. Because it sounds like that they should be sending it already, Cary? The agreement with the warranty in it?

REDHEAD: Yea, we are in effectually they should be back. I would I would definitely think that Kevin Conley should be back by now.

GELLING: I think a warranty obviously should be in stone before we start installing.

N. HOYT: The questions that were asked were who worked on it the last time, previous to this.

REDHEAD: Gartner did.

N. HOYT: And what was the warranty then?

NAZARIAN: As we stated in the last Board meeting, this is a health hazard, the parts have been ordered; they will be here on March 8th, We need to confirm that there is a warranty for these parts. Henderson Brothers have submitted a quote for \$7,320 to complete the work. I would like to move forward with Henderson, being that this a public health concern. We have already delayed this months and months. Contingent on, I agree with that Zack, that that is what we have to do. We've dragged it...

Ray Allen: that is confined space, I am wondering if these people have the rights things to do this.

REDHEAD: Henderson does, yes, there's only like three companies that do this and Henderson is one of them and they came very highly recommended.

GELLING: So is everybody comfortable with that and I will make the MOTION or is there ...

L. HOYT: Is that for the parts and labor?

NAZARIAN: That is labor only; the parts were ordered from Siewert, about \$11,000. The quote to do the work is \$7,320.

GELLING: That includes all the labor to install the parts.

L. HOYT: Roughly \$18,000.

N. HOYT: The motion needs to be forwarded to the OTB representative.

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REDHEAD: Yes, and which Henry and I have been playing phone tag and email tag to set up the call just so you know. He is on my voice mail; I'm on his voice mail, so we have been contacting one another.

GELLING: So I will make the **MOTION** to accept Henderson Bros Contracting for \$7,320 to install the OTB parts, contingent on Siewerts sending over a revised contract with a warranty for the parts. Seconded by Nazarian.

All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, Gelling, Redhead.

N. HOYT: Just want to point out that we should have been to work all that out through email and make this a simple motion. NAZARIAN agreed.

GELLING: ...replied to Ray Allen that all this is a board decision and Ray Allen said it looks like mass confusion up there.

Winter Fun Night

REDHEAD: Winter fun night is going to finally take place this weekend up at the top of the hill. Phoenix Enterprise is going to be here. They are going to be providing the spotlight. It is from 6-9 o'clock. It is one of our Community Service events. Miss Helen is has been working on it, um, we are also going to have a Smore's table, which has been partially the chocolate actually has been donated by the Granby Walmart. I don't know if you've noticed, but chocolate has increased immensely so they are going to donate that for us. Brad Harris, right here from Phoenix, he has graciously donated firewood so that we can start the grills that are provided up above and just to have little heating stations. Also have Phoenix Enterprise is having a meeting also right now to see if they have drums that will provide heat as well up there. Because it is extremely, I don't know how many have been up there but it's windy or not, but there is flyers over there if anybody has grandchildren, children, um I know a bunch of teena--- I was going to say teenagers -- some older kids are coming and looking forward to it. Miss Helen just flew in today from down south. She is overly ecstatic that we have snow because this is the third time that we have had to reschedule this event for this. So we are hoping for a great turnout. We have cocoa, snacks, activities, usually it does take place during the day, but this year we are going to try to do something different and have it under the lights. Yes.

Town Board Minutes

REDHEAD: Also, beginning at our first meeting on March 14th, we are going, the board, we are going to start an, we are going, a motion is going to be made to approve the meetings from the previous town board meetings. This has been brought to my attention from a couple of um... officials here in the building that um the question why we haven't or why we don't approve our meetings prior to, why we don't approve our meetings. So that's something we are going to start doing on March 14th is that we are going to...

N. HOYT: we have to put that to a vote; it's the first I've heard of it.

REDHEAD: the minutes of the meetings.

GELLING: We don't have to start next meeting, I mean you can do it, it's always just a motion for somebody to accept.

REDHEAD: I just figured you know, it's a new month, it's a first meeting, so start fresh and whatnot.

N. HOYT are you creating a policy to approve minutes?

REDHEAD: No actually, I was questioned today by both Brenda and Des how come we don't do it. I was questioned when we were out the other day doing easements; how come it is not done. And I was questioned by

NAZARIAN: He is asking are we establishing a policy to approve minutes.

REDHEAD: I was under the impression since they all asked me that it something that's been done.

N. HOYT: So are you creating a policy to do that?

REDHEAD: Yea, sure.

GELLING: Then that would have to be put to vote. Would have to write up that policy.

N. HOYT: I would like to put that to vote. Just is my opinion that in over seven years, the minutes that were put out and bringing the minutes and expressing my concern, I didn't believe they accurately reflected anything that went on in a board meeting. You can check the record, I have abstained every time. So let's say we all said no, then what.

GELLING: The minutes still go through because they are....

N. HOYT: I contacted our town attorney, town council responded with they are the Town Clerk's minutes and we don't have a say in the matter. So I said then why what is the point in approving minutes that I have no say in it.

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NAZARIAN: Just so that everyone is aware, the Town Clerk, they are her minutes and it is not required that the Board approve them for auditing purposes. The State does like to see that the Board has reviewed the minutes but whether we approve them or not, they are her minutes and she decides what is in the minutes and what is not in the minutes.

N. HOYT: With that being said, do we have a timeline for the new equipment installed in this room.

REDHEAD: But they also like to see regarding monetary

OWENS: they want to see monies, not bickering, Motions, resolutions and motions.

N. HOYT: So the equipment that will be installed in this that's already been approved; there will be recordings, and those will be the actual minutes; there will be nothing to type up. No errors, everybody will be able to listen to them from home. Posted on our website. And those are certainly going to be approved because we're not going to have a say in any of it. But it will be exact. And I would hope that is going to happen in March.

NAZARIAN: And that is supposed to be done in the next two weeks.

GELLING: asked if that is already being done.

OWENS: she does Motions, Resolutions, and monies. And the recordings are on the recorder. Back during COVID, the recordings were put on the website.

N. HOYT: They were conference call recordings. So that is going to eliminate that Cary. I understand your point and opinion. That's going to eliminate that; you're going to have a full legit recording.

NAZARIAN So even if we were to not approve them, it is our understanding that you do not have to change them.

OWENS: yes. But

NAZARIAN: so the recordings will be on the website as soon as we get the updated equipment.

OWENS: But if something is wrong, like Zack, the last special meeting in December, he said you forgot to put who seconded it, I will go in and correct.

REDHEAD: when is the audio equipment expected in?

NAZARIAN: they said they would be working on it end of February, beginning of March, and just to ask B&G about it.

OWENS: there will be paper minutes, too.

N. HOYT: asked if she still wanted to put it to vote.

REDHEAD: no, it's fine, if we're going to have audio within two weeks, then that's fine.

Center Road Renewed Resolution

NAZARIAN:

So as far as Center Rd, back in April of 2022, a Motion was passed and it declared that the Town owns property on Center Rd and that was declared to be of no use anymore to the Town of Schroepfel, so the Board decided that they were going to put it up for sale. In that time after April, letters were sent out to the neighboring properties asking that they return a letter to us if they were interested in bidding on the property. And our new attorney has advised us that he feels that it is in the best interest of the Town to put out a Public Notice stating that the property will be for sale, and that it be subject to permissive referendum. So that would be, that once the motion is made and we have a public hearing, residents within the Town have 30 days to file a petition that it not be put for sale. So at this time, he is suggesting that we renew the Motion from April 2022, schedule the Public Hearing day and have it be subject to permissive referendum.

The Resolution to sell Town property located on Center Road, Pennellville, NY; whereas the Town of Schroepfel owned a piece of property located at Center Road in Pennellville NY with a tax map ID of 305.00-04-15; and whereas the Town has determined the above property no longer has any usefulness to the Town and should therefore be sold; and whereas the Town Board believes it in the best interest of the residents of the Town to sell this parcel. And whereas the Town, I'm sorry, whereas the sale of property by the Town is subject to permissive referendum. That the Town Board should hold a Public Hearing on the proposed sale of the property located at Center Road in the Town of Schroepfel to be held on the fourteenth day of March 2023 at 6:05 p.m. or as soon thereafter as possible at the Town of Schroepfel. So I am making a **Motion** to renew this Resolution, schedule the Public Hearing for April 14th at 6:05 p.m. (Owens said March) -- I'm sorry, March 14. (Attached to minutes)

REDHEAD: We have to change that in there. So everything that we sent out before is null and void...

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NAZARIAN: is not null and void; those individuals...

REDHEAD: Are we going to send something else out to them?

N. HOYT: not out to the public, just to the neighboring properties.

REDHEAD: Yes, I understand that, but...

NAZARIAN: So once somebody expresses interest, they will be able to come to the Town and get a package. And In that package is a certification and then there are directions on how you bid for the property and then also the specifications of the property. There are about four documents. So there will be a posting. The posting will go out in the paper and will go out around town. And then we will have the Public Hearing on March 14th at 6:05. After that, there's the 30 days for the permissive referendum. Anyone in the Town that expresses an interest in the property will receive a package. Within that package are directions on how to bid. Once the bid is received, Darlene, the Town Clerk, opens the bids and then the Board decides on who – is that correct?

N. HOYT even if they didn't express an interest, they could still come by and get a bid packet.

NAZARIAN yes.

REDHEAD: The four...I just have a question...the four previous residents who have submitted their interest, are we going to let them know the change of this. Can we do that please.

NAZARIAN We can certainly do that, Yea.

REDHEAD: Thank you.

NAZARIAN I second

OWENS: (roll call) All ayes: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, Gelling, Redhead.

REDHEAD: Did you want to do ____; did you want to do that?

NAZARIAN Yep, I can take care of the

GELLING: I just wanted to point out that we are still dealing with this because yet again, with our old attorney, this fell through the cracks. So very happy that we have a new attorney that his first meeting with us helped us get the ball rolling. We will finally not have to waste more money with more public hearing postings and stuff like that.

Ray: can someone attest the sale of that property; did I hear that?

NAZARIAN Yes.

Ray Allen: what happens if someone contests it.

GELLING: I think you have to get signatures.

NAZARIAN you have to get so many signatures. Remember when we did the Public Hearing for Bankrupt Road, and it was subject to permissive referendum. So someone that was interested in stopping the sale of this property, they would have to get a certain percentage of signatures actually on the value of ...

Ray: So it can still be put up for sale, because it is no use (to the Town). I can just see somebody....

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GELLING: And the easement stuff, it shouldn't be a problem.

REDHEAD yea we are abolishing it.

NAZARIAN So that property is not land locked and there is an easement that exists.

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NAZARIAN If both parties agree that it is to be removed, an easement can be removed. So if the Town and the owner of the property agree that the easement can be removed, it can be removed.

N. HOYT be removed before transferring the property.

NAZARIAN But you are correct that easements follow the land. Yes.

Carol (?): So how are you deciding who get the land; the highest bid? I heard you say the Town makes the decision.

N. HOYT It would be the highest bid. The easement was granted to give permission to the highway department to mine the gravel. All the gravel has been mined and it is deemed useless to us. So that easement doesn't really pertain to that property anymore. Our intentions that would be in the big packet is to remove the easement and to make everybody aware of that before bidding on it.

Carol: So realistically, you are just on the record, you are still giving it to the land owners that border it then. Because otherwise, they have no right to get to it.

N. HOYT There is only person that has the easement. Which is the Town of Schroepfel, but we are going to abandon that before we turn the property over while we still own it. _____42:28_____

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Carol: NYS says you can't sell property that doesn't have a way to it; it's land-locked. So you're getting rid of that ability but then you're limiting your community(?). I get what you're saying. I'm just want to bring to your attention that your attorney has opened it up to everybody.

N. HOYT We have to open it up to everybody.

NAZARIAN When somebody comes in, they read the specifications for the property, it clearly states in there that easement will be abolished and the easement runs across one person's property. It doesn't go in between.

Carol: But it really can't be by law, right? Did you find out if you can really abolish that easement?

NAZARIAN Yes.

Carol: Do you have that information on that?

NAZARIAN Right here, right now? No.

GELLING: We have crossed our "t"s and dotted our "i"s with this to make sure.

Carol: And you can only abolish it is both of you agree to it.

GELLING: Correct, and the property owner has come here and expressed that he wants....

REDHEAD: And they, and they have, and they have put it in a letter. We have it in writing.

Ray: It says you're limiting it to four people who can buy it. Is there more people that border it?

N. HOYT I don't know how many border the property. I'd have to look at a map.

REDHEAD: Ray, now this is totally different, before it was a different procedure.

Ray: Basically you are limiting to four people that can buy it.

N. HOYT: I don't know how many border the property.

REDHEAD: no no we're now

Ray Allen: Are there more people that border it than that?

OWENS: He needs to stop interrupting these meetings.

REDHEAD: Ray this is now totally different. Before, it was a different procedure and that time four people showed interest. Now it's different.

N. HOYT: the goal is to get it on the tax roll and do a ___ rate on it and anybody can bid on it but they should look at the bid package before they bid on it. And if they back out, we do to the next bidder.

Election Inspectors Appointment

GELLING: And now we are going to go on to

NAZARIAN: so um we are holding an election for the Huntley Road/RT 57A water district. It is on March 9th. We have to appoint election inspectors and the rate of pay is minimum wage, which is at \$14.40 an hour. Um Michele Swidowski and Emma Allers have said they would like to be the election inspectors for that day. Does anybody have any questions regarding that?

GELLING: When is that day again?

NAZARIAN: March 9th

N. HOYT: What was that rate of pay, I'm sorry.

NAZARIAN: \$14.40 it's minimum wage

REDHEAD: it's New York State's minimum wage.

NAZAIAN: The last time it was done, it was \$14.20 which was minimum wage at the time and now it's \$14.40. It' from 12-8.

REDHEAD: we've got to give them a lunch break though

OWENS: No they don't usually; they'll get food

REDHEAD: (*can't understand it*)... we gotta be nice them. (Owens: we will be)

NAZARIAN: I would like to make a **MOTION** to appoint Michele Swidowski and Emma Allers as election inspectors for the Huntley Rd/RT 57A Water District vote to be held on March 9, 2023 at a rate of \$14.40 an hour.

REDHEAD: I'll second.

OWENS: Nazarian, Gelling, L.Hoyt, N. Hoyt, Redhead. (All ayes.)

Wastewater Treatment Plant

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NAZARIAN: All set? Alright, so the last thing on my list is um the wastewater treatment plant grant. The Town received a grant in order to conduct a town-wide wastewater treatment study to determine the best location for a wastewater treatment plant. As part of that grant requirement, letters or public notice had to be sent out announcing a request for qualifications, so letters were sent to 15 architecture and engineering firms. It was sent in January allowing them until February 3, 2023 to respond. Um one firm responded with a request for qualifications. It was C&S Engineers. So I would like to make a **MOTION** to allow C&S Engineers to complete the Town-wide wastewater treatment plant study.

NAZARIAN: Second.

OWENS: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt, Redhead. (All ayes.)

REDHEAD: Is there anything else um Lou or Nick or Zack that you would like to address?

N. HOYT: I'd like to thank the Deputy Town Supervisor for coming to tonight's meeting.

REDHEAD: And there she is, Christina, would you like to stand up and just say hi.

Christina: Hi

REDHEAD: Hal this is Christina. He is our Assessor right over there to the left.

GELLING: And right in front of you is Brian Borchik, on the Village Board.

REDEAD: She knows him.

REDHEAD: OK, alright, at 6...

Bankrupt Road Water District

L. HOYT: I've got one thing. When you went out getting those easements signed off, did you get them all done.

REDHEAD: No

L. HOYT: How many more are still on the list.

REDHEAD: uh, we have..

OWENS: basically there's only like three. Um RFHs is with um the attorney. Jill, what was her last name, Westcott, she came in tonight and signed already sent. And then there's just Horn, and Blackwell is left.

L. HOYT: Did Altman come it?

REDHEAD: Yes, he did, he came in and signed, yep, yep

N. HOYT: Have we found out on the dead end roads, private drives, um have they all signed?

REDHEAD: We don't have, we, there's no easements or anything prepared or ready or nothing for that. These are just the main water lines and structures and __go__.

N. HOYT: __private drives we are adding water to them, correct?

REDHEAD: But these were the ones that were started back in 2020, I believe, 2021, so we haven't gotten down to that end of Bankrupt Road yet.

N. HOYT: So what's the whole discrepancy then of the private drives that we're not, if we don't need anything from them from the last meeting.

REDHEAD: Um well we had the one resident who um brought the notice to the board and is contesting um...

N. HOYT: But they were never on our easement list?

REDHEAD: Not on that particular one (OWENS: I don't believe so) not for the drilling, going under the bridge, bringing the water in and doing everything at this end of Bankrupt and whatnot, no he was not.

N. HOYT: Last meeting we had whole discrepancy regarding private drives about easements. And it sounds like there is no discrepancy about easements.

L. HOYT: *(can't hear clearly)*

N. HOYT: That's a long ways from the bridge.

REDHEAD: yea, he is not, but yea he is not, yea he is not, but have any of you've read the emails, I'm assuming...

L. HOYT: from Ian.

REDHEAD: from both Counsel and Ian.

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N. HOYT: Sounds like there was no discrepancy from the beginning. There's nothing holding us up on that. The only easements we had was the list that you went out and tackled, which they weren't on it.

REDHEAD: No they weren't. The easements that we went out is to start the project to get going to formalize...

NAZARIAN: So our former attorney did not send easements to every individual within that water district?

REDHEAD: No.

NAZARIAN: He only sent out easements to a portion of them?

REDHEAD: To initiate to initiate the start of the project, yes.

L. HOYT: So once you get your list on there, there's going to be more easements?

GELLING: So that list you have is just a portion of the district of easements?

REDHEAD: Yes.

GELLING: Can we get do you have the full list? Or this should've been sent.

REDHEAD: I have, yes, yes, yes, between Graham and I we, yes.

N. HOYT: Can we get ready to talk about the rest in Executive Session.

GELLING: Yea, I was just going to say...

REDHEAD: Yea.

GELLING: OK. So do you want to go into Exec.

REDHEAD: No, Zack.

NAZARIAN: Can you please send an update on the easements that you got the other day with Graham, or that Graham got, or whoever. And then, it's my understanding right now that you're saying that there are numerous properties that... (OWENS: I don't have anything.)

REDHEAD: I thought, I thought that they did. I apologize. I thought that they did.

GELLING: So you have the full list though, is that what you're saying? You have the full list of easements for the whole district? You have those or you don't have those?

L. HOYT: *(can't hear clearly)*....if they don't go down, if they don't fit into the right of way.

REDHEAD: Um well our our our engineer has the full list of ease... our engineer has the full list of easements.

L. HOYT: something has to go across people's properties.

GELLING: So we need to get that from...

REDHEAD: Because he's got the DEC, he's got everything for that, he's, our engineer has the full list of easements and whatnot. But I have I mean I have who we collected who we have and Graham has who we have and whatnot. And I apologize I thought he was I thought Lonnie was going to update with everybody the other day of who we collected and I will send that out to you guys.

GELLING: So you're...so the three signatures that we were just talking about having left, those aren't the three signatures that we need because we are gonna have to *(not clear, people talking)*

REDHEAD: Those are the, those are to initiate, because that's the start, because that's Granby, that's the Granby start.

L. HOYT: I thought we only had six.

REDHEAD: That's the Granby start.

NAZARIAN: What's the Granby start. What's that.

REDHEAD: Uh, no, Mark, uh, uh, Mr. Holbrook has concerns regarding the equipment being, being parked in front of his delivery door.

L. HOYT: That has nothing to do with the Granby bridge.

REDHEAD: No, but the other, the other, besides his, the other ones do. They are all up at the bridge.

And unfortunately, one of the one of the easements, we don't believe is um is um is available, is that right? Is available...is that right?

GELLING: So I guess, I guess at this point we should have an email sent to our attorney telling him to send us the list of ALL the easements. (OWENS: Right.)

N. HOYT: *(Can't hear clearly)* email Ian...

REDHEAD: Ian, Ian has, yes.

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GELLING: Because the list you kept talking about, I think I took it as the whole district. (*others agree*) and I just want to make sure our attorney and everybody involved in this understands this and is on the same...

OWENS: I didn't know it was just a portion.

GELLING: Our attorney right now is Graham Seitner.

NAZARIAN: But our former attorney is where this all initiated.

GELLING: Our new attorney has taken the ball of this, the list that he did get, he has already went out and ya know and door knocked and got some signatures. He is doing his part, but like we just want to make sure we are all on the same page.

NAZARIAN: I was not aware until tonight that the easements were only sent to a portion (not clear).

REDHEAD: It was a team effort; it was team effort. C'mon, it was cold that day.

NAZARIAN: So we just being made aware tonight that only a portion of the residents in the District have received easements to sign.

N. HOYT: If that's true.

NAZARIAN: If that's accurate.

REDHEAD: At 6:59 um the Town of Schroeppl is cl...

GELLING: No, you make the Motion. (*Gelling and Nazarian seconded*).

REDHEAD: I'm going to make a MOTION at 6:59 to close the Town of Schroepfel Board Meeting.

OWENS: Who wants to do second?

REDHEAD: I don't know; they fought over it.

GELLING: Nazarian.

OWENS: Nazarian, Gelling, L. Hoyt, N. Hoyt, Redhead (All ayes.)

Respectfully submitted,

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