

Special Board Meeting Minutes

Merrimac Village Board

Monday, January 31, 2011

Village Board President, Nick Hahn, called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m. Present board members: Garry Bahe, Jeff Rasmussen, Ed Nawrocki and Jim Malmberg. Village employee Jeff Voll was present.

Affidavit of posting was verified to conform to proper statutory requirements.

Shellie presented a spreadsheet of agricultural and industrial pieces we had been given information on. The spreadsheet included a comparison of each item to the other on specifications, costs, etc.... Shellie & Jeff had toured numerous areas to check out equipment and talk to other operators in other municipalities on their use of such.

Ed opened discussions up with asking Jeff Voll how he felt about the John Deere versus the Case piece. Jeff had stated the Case was certainly built tougher. Hahn asked if the Village really need this piece of equipment and what exactly was its use. Voll broke it down to mainly mowing in the summer at the plant and around the Village and loading/removal in winter months, grapple for brush hauling. Hahn stated this was a lot of money for the Village and what is the justification. Nawrocki stated the Village's services require this equipment.

John Schueman, resident, asked what the size difference on the John Deere was compared to what we had. Voll stated, 1' wider, 1' higher, 1' longer. Hahn verified the current tractor size was too small, the larger is needed. Hahn also asked the question of whether we need to look at a new plow truck down the road if we get this piece of equipment. Voll stated that the Village of Arena used their tractor to do all their street plowing. It had a blade with down pressure to clean better than a truck with plow.

Garry Bahe stated that the lease option on the Deere gives us warranty and newer equipment updates. The J.D. was at a \$7000 per year lease with 400 hours per year. The Case was at \$12622 per year lease with 2000 hours. Rasmussen stated that a lease option allows for better capital outlay and budgeting. Nawrocki had concerns over service of equipment getting too far away with the Madison dealer versus closer and concern over whether our old attachments would work with either machine.

Shellie contacted Sam at Mid-States by phone and the board conversed with him through the speaker on the following concerns:

- a. Will our attachments fit the John Deere? Not all will. The bucket needs to go with the old tractor on the trade, however, the grapple, mower, blade will fit.
- b. Was the trade factored in on the lease or credit on purchase only? Yes the tractor was factored in to the lease. The tractor on trade will cover 2 years of lease.
- c. Will you fax a sample lease for our review? Yes.
- d. Warranty covered for how long? 2 years.

The board thanked Sam for his time. Rasmussen made a motion based on the above information for the John Deere Premium Cab 6430 to be leased for 2 years from Mid-States with trade of our Case Tractor "as-is" . Nawrocki seconded the motion and with a roll call vote, all voted in the affirmative and approved.

With no other matters to come before the Village Board, Nawrocki/Rasmussen motioned to adjourn the special meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Shellie Benish
Administrator