



Mayor Weaver sent Pat Grattan, Town Supervisor and Deb Simonsmeier, Councilwomen a list of the village DPW duties to review with the Town Highway Superintendent, John Ruchel. She would like the Town of Kinderhook to inform the village on what services they would be willing to take over and at what cost. The village board will need to consider what it would cost the village for the services that the town will not cover. Paul Voltz, Town Councilman, requested Mayor Weaver send him the list of DPW duties. Mayor Weaver will forward him the list by email.

Mayor Weaver requested Dale Leiser to contact the County to see if they will contract with the Village to plow Hudson Street and Albany Ave during the winter. Albany Ave and Hudson Street are very wide streets that are harder for our DPW to clear. When requested, the County will drop their wing to help push back snow. Trustee Leiser noted the village DPW custom plow several of our roads during the winter and if the village were to contract snow plowing out they will not get this service.

Mayor Weaver spoke with Carl Ublocker, from the Department of State on what grants may be available for merging services. She needs to wait on a response from the Town of Kinderhook to move forward with applying for any grants not knowing what services can be/will be merged.

Equipment-Dave proposed the village board move forward with the purchase of a backhoe and a leaf machine. The leaf machine would need to be ordered immediately as it takes 90 days from the order date to be delivered. Trustee Leiser and Dave have called several places looking for a leaf machine with no avail.

Resident, Chuck Rothermel stated residents need to realize the village is in a crisis. They can bag their leaves. It is a service he does not use and there are other options the village can look into.

Trustee Leiser requested the DPW try to get the leaf machine started and had Rich Mulica inspect the leaf machine. Rich estimates the cost to be approximately \$7,000-\$8,000 to restore the leaf machine with no guarantees that it would work due to the extreme heat of the fire and how brittle the metal plate might have gotten.

Several options that can be considered is contracting the service out, purchase a machine and if the DPW merges with the Town, the machine can be sold or contract with the Village of Valatie to pick their leaves up.

Trustee Murphy inquired the time frame the Town gave the village to review the DPW list of duties. Are they willing to sign a contract with the village of Kinderhook? He also inquired if NYCOM has an email list of all the municipalities. If so, send an email out inquiring about equipment and consolidated services.

Mayor Weaver will send an email to Town Supervisor, Pat Grattan for a response time. The village board would like to know before the next village board meeting.

Resident, Bonnie Shannon wanted to thank the Mayor for informing the public on how the board is proceeding with researching different alternatives for shared services. She inquired if the village could consider short term contracts until decisions can be made.

DPW Garage- A sketch of the proposed DPW building as is in the current footprint of the building with equipment inside shows the village needs at least two more feet. With safety concerns the village would like to request an additional 2ft - 4ft depth of a building. Matt Shermann from NYMIR noted the insurance company would consider this if a letter was received from the engineer noting safety or code requirements.

Mayor Weaver noted the village received a contract from Ray Jurkowski, Morris Associates for \$18,250.00. If we were to move forward we will need to sign a contract with him. The insurance company will cover engineering services. Trustee Phillips made a motion to hire Ray Jurkowski from Morris Associates; seconded by Trustee Leiser. All voted "aye." Mayor Weaver will request Ray to write a letter on behalf of the village requesting additional footage for the garage due to safety concerns.

Resident, Chuck Rothermel is upset the board made a motion to sign an \$18,000 dollar contract with the engineer. He stated he has spoken to Assemblyman, Steve McLaughlin over the weekend and there is \$150,000 million dollars in shared service grant money. He stated he asked Mr. McLaughlin if the village contacted his office for help. Chuck wanted to know why the village had not reached out to other governments for help.

Mayor Weaver responded the village is working with other municipalities. The village is currently contracting with the county for stone for the rip rap of the water line to get a better price. The county donated a truck to the village. The town has offered the village equipment to use as other municipalities have. The Mayor has spoken to Senator Marchione's office.

Resident Rima Bostick requested the village board look at the longer view of the village and to think outside of the box. She feels the village should consult with other municipalities that have consolidated services.

Resident Renee Shur is interested in knowing Valatie's view on giving up their DPW to the town. She would like to know what other municipalities positive and negative views are on shared services.

Mayor Weave made a motion to adjourn at 7:00 pm; seconded by Trustee Phillips. All voted "aye".

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole H. Heeder  
Village Clerk