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**Town of Henderson
12105 Town Barn Rd.
Henderson, NY 13650
Town Board Workshop
April 10, 2024**

A workshop of the Town Board of the Town of Henderson, County of Jefferson and the State of New York was held at 12105 Town Barn Rd. at 7:00PM, on the 10th day of April 2024.

PRESENT: Matthew Owen ---- Councilperson
Torre Parker Lane --- Councilperson
David Poulin --- Councilperson
Lindsay Witmer --- Councilperson

Councilperson Poulin called the Workshop to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge to the flag.

LONG TERM HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PLANNING

Councilperson Witmer met with the highway department and they requested 2-3 radios to improve safety for employees. Councilperson Witmer met with Joel Plummer, Director of Fire Safety for Jefferson County, and he offered to come to speak to the town board about the radios.

Joel Plummer, Director of Fire Safety for Jefferson County, presented Motorola radios for the highway department to the town board.

Joel stated most neighboring towns have these radios that can be used to communicate with law enforcement, fire personnel and highway officials.

Three different radio options are available. Two devices are configured to the trucks and considered mobile, one is portable. The portable version is less expensive, but has less range. There is a concern about having coverage on Rte 123.

Councilperson Owen asked if there were other alternatives to the Jefferson County Radio System. Joel said he is unable to program different system radios. Joel said he programs the radios as part of the quote. Councilperson Owen asked if anyone could talk on the radio channels. Joel responded that the radio channels are controlled. There are county-wide channels and law enforcement restricted channels. The Town of Henderson could have its own channel. There are 13 total channels. On the top of the radios there is an orange button, which is an emergency button. The orange button can be used for an emergency situation.

Resident Cook asked if the Henderson Fire and Ambulance have the radios. Joel stated they do have the radios.

Councilperson Owen asked in there were on-going fees. Joel said these are zero user fees.

Councilperson Owen asked in the batteries are replaceable. Joel stated the batteries are replaceable and interchangeable.

Councilperson Owen asked in there was GPS in the radio. Joel stated no.

Resident Cook asked if the radios go on the charging station at night. Joel stated that “it is however you do business. Some charge each night, some wait until the batteries are chirping.”

Councilperson Owen asked if training is provided. Joel stated yes, but operation is not difficult.

Councilperson Poulin asked if there are grants to pay for the radios. Joel stated no there are not grants available.

Councilperson Owen asked how long the radio system has been in place. Joel stated it has been in place for 2.5 years. The life expectancy of the system is 15 years, but the system gets refresh from Motorola every 2 years.

Councilperson Lane asked what the life expectancy of the radio is. Joel said the typical life expectancy is ~10 years. The radios need to be treated well to last.

Resident Clark asked if the radios are waterproof. Joel Plummer stated they are not, but are very tough.

A resident asked if any additional infrastructure is needed in Henderson to run the radios. Joel said no.

Joel stated they went 3 miles offshore and the radios work

Resident Cook asked what system Ellisburg uses. Joel said the system that is being presented.

The Town Board agreed Councilperson Poulin will talk to Supervisor Glaser about meeting with the Highway Department and determine what is needed for long term planning. Joel offered to come to Henderson to review current equipment and see what radios would be best. Councilperson Lane will call other towns and see why they bought into the radio system.

Quote:

Radio Model APX900 \$2794.93

Radio Model APX 1500 \$4,680.64

Radio Model APX 4500 \$4748.33

LONG TERM WATER & SEWER PLANNING

Town Engineer Pat Scordo presented the long-term Gantt chart regarding additional sewer and water districts.

Water District 1 & 2:

A new elevated tank was proposed for these districts, along with District 3. An inspection was completed of the current tank. The DOH came back and said an additional inspection was needed

to the current water tank. Town Engineer Pat Scordo believes the DOH came back with this request because of costing issues. The inspection has not yet occurred.

Town Engineer Pat Scordo believes the tank that serves District 1&2 needs to be replaced.

Resident McGann asked if a ground storage tank would be possible. Town Engineer Pat Scordo said that is something to consider. This would not allow for fire hydrants, but the lake water is available.

Water District 3:

Town Engineer Pat Scordo stated that Water District 3 will provide water for Sewer District 1, minus Water District 1 & 2. Town Engineer Pat Scordo stated that the current water tank is not large enough to cover Water District 3.

Town Engineer Pat Scordo stated that no work is currently being performed on Water District 3.

Town Engineer Pat Scordo stated that the town had authorized 19.5k to do a study for potential develop of Water District 3.

A survey went out to residents asking what cost they would pay for water. The Town Board felt this needed to be redone because it is 2 years old.

Resident Cook stated that she has concerns about the cost to residents as the economy has changes in 2 years.

Sewer District 2/Water District 4

An archeological study was performed to support SEQR. A flyer was sent out to residents informing them of the study.

The town submitted a funding application for Sewer District 2 and it did not get accepted.

The Town Board would like to freeze all work on Sewer District 2/Water District 4 to focus on the other Districts.

Resident Cook was concerned that the funding was based on low income and the areas where Sewer District 2 is located would not be considered low income.

The Town Board agreed to affirm that overall project timing in the May 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Harbor and Hamlet Long Term Planning

Councilperson Witmer recapped the grant funding option with the Clayton Development Board discussed at the April 9, 2024 Town Borad Meeting. Councilperson Witmer will contact the Clayton Development Board and get a quote and agreement drafted. This will be voted on in the May 2024 Town Board Meeting.

Resident Cook emphasized the need to include the Hamlet.

Councilperson Poulin stressed the need to prioritize the Hamlet restoration.

Councilperson Witmer will confirm the Local Waterfront Revitalization Plan (LWRP) will include the Hamlet before May 224 Town Board Meeting.

Resident Wenschhof asked if the boat ramp can be expanded. Councilperson Poulin said he will be removing the no fishing sign and there are benches there.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm