**VILLAGE OF CENTERTOWN**

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES SPECIAL MEETING**

**October 15, 2018**

The special meeting of the Board of Trustees of Centertown, Missouri, was called to order at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 25, 2018, by Chairman Whitaker, in the Village Hall at 1227 Broadway. On roll call, the following members were present:

Celine Whitaker

Paula Hinshaw

Sherry Kempf

ABSENT: Heather Hunger

The special meeting is to determine what the best course of action would be concerning the repairs needed on the 2005 Chevy Truck used for snow plowing and salt spreading in the winter months.

Currently the truck is at Putnam Chevrolet. The engine control module needs to be replaced. If we replace with a new part the estimated cost is $1,891.82. This would come with a two year warranty. If we replace with a refurbished part the cost is $902.01 with no warranty. We have spent $5,000 in repairs this past year.

Another option is to sell the truck and either purchase another one or hire a contractor for snow plowing.

Putnam Chevrolet has offered $10, 000 for the truck, $2,500 for the plow blade, and $1,000 for the salt spreader for a total of $13,500. They currently have in stock a 2005 3/4T Silverado. It is a gas engine, not a diesel, pre-owned, for $16,000. They would mount the blade and salt spreader to the new truck. Some concern that a 3/4T truck would have difficulty with a heavy snow.

The Village has used contractors in the past for snow plowing. A quick check of current prices is approximately $300 an incident and $15 for each bag of salt. If this method is chosen, would need to advertise for bids.

This year’s budget allows for $2,000 in labor and $3,000 in salt.

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Trustee Hinshaw did an analysis of what the Village has spent for snow removal for the past twelve years, comparing the cost for removing the snow ourselves or hiring out. Prior to the truck purchase, the Village spent an average of $7400/yr. Since the truck purchase, the Village has spent $7600/yr, to include gas/oil/insurance. Does not include workmen’s compensation cost.

Lots of communities outsource their snow removal. The Village has in the past; however, we were generally last on the list and it was one pass both ways. If it was a big snow, hiring out did not work so well. If the streets had to be plowed a second or third time, the Village would have to pay for each incident. Several years this was quite expensive.

Chairman Pro Tem Hinshaw made a motion to repair the truck using the new engine control module for an estimated $1,891.92. Trustee Kempf seconded, motion carried on roll call vote:

AYES: Whitaker, Hinshaw, Kempf

ABSENT: Hunger

There being no further business, Trustee Kempf motioned to adjourn, seconded by Chairman Pro Tem Hinshaw. On roll call vote the motion carried as follows:

AYES: Whitaker, Hinshaw, Kempf

ABSENT: Hunger

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Public Meeting concerning the bond question on the November 6, 2018 ballot is scheduled tomorrow night at 6:30 p.m.

Next meeting scheduled for October 30, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.