

BELMONT COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT
BUILDINGS, GROUNDS and TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Monday, January 29, 2024

6:00 p.m.

Keyes Distance Learning Lab

Present: BJ Galle, Jamie Heinrichs, Pete Bonin, Tom Thomas, Jeff Hodgson, & Beau Buchs

I. CALL TO ORDER

A. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

II. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Options to replace School Tractor: Tom Thomas presented some information and quotes on options to replace the school tractor. The McCormick that we own is 16 years old and has major engine problems. To fix this tractor, the quote is \$14,000-\$16,000. The committee all agreed this is not worth fixing. Pete suggested that we take the McCormick to Scott's Implement to put into the auction in March.

Tom mentioned multiple options that we could replace the tractor with. Options presented were a skid loader, tractor, and utv or gator. Prices for a skid loader range from \$35,000-\$48,000. Tractors range in price depending on whether we want a cab or not. Jamie suggested we consider a cab for times when doing snow removal. Later on, Tom said he preferred that we don't get a cab so he can hear better and have a better sense of his surroundings. Jeff Hodgson suggested we look at a better option to do ball fields. He said the tractor we have used is too big and something smaller would be better. Pete asked if the village would have interest in helping with a purchase. Mr. Buchs discussed that the Village agreed to pay for the time when our employee drags the field for summer activities including men's league and youth softball/baseball at Bond Park. The discussion ended as everyone felt we need to do a little more research and gather a few more quotes on tractors.

Water line break in parking lot update: Mr. Buchs shared that we had a water main break in the parking lot on January 27th. The water broke sometime over night and maintenance staff found the leak at 6 am on the 27th. Water had flooded the HS parking lot and ran down to a neighbor's property causing damage to their basement. Mr. Buchs shared that he would check with insurance to see if we are liable and if any coverage would help with the damage. Mr. Buchs thanked the village for fixing the break in a timely manner.

III. Adjourn: BJ motioned, Pete seconded to adjourn at 6:56 pm. Motion passed 3-0.