

**TOWN OF LUDLOW
SELECT BOARD**

**SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES
December 9, 2011**

Board Members Present:

Howard Barton, Jr., Chairman, John Neal (via phone), Brett Sanderson, Bruce Schmidt, Doug Ficken

Staff Present:

Frank Heald, Ron Tarbell

Call to Order:

- a. Chairman, Howard Barton Jr. called the Special Meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

Consider Purchase of 2009 CAT 120 MAWD Motor Grader:

- a. Frank Heald reported that Ron Tarbell and Brett Sanderson looked at the machine and suggested it was a good deal.
- b. Frank Heald said they researched new graders which ran about \$468,000 for a net of \$256,000 with trade. He said that by purchasing a machine with 570 hours for \$176,000 we could save \$70,000.
- c. Frank Heald said our grader was purchased 19 years ago for \$85,000 and would bring \$70,000 in trade which was a reasonable trade offer.
- d. Frank Heald said the grader would be available after January 1st.
- e. Brett Sanderson said it would be hard to justify purchasing a new grader. He said the new graders are much easier to run because they have two central joysticks.
- f. John Neal asked if there would be a learning curve for staff on the new machine.
- g. Brett Sanderson said the machine operates easily.
- h. Frank Heald said the financing of the new grader could include short term money as a bridge and they could ask the voters to approve a 10-year bond that could include other equipment.
- i. Frank said the state statute provides for, and Ludlow voters give them the authority to make this decision.
- j. MOTION by Bruce Schmidt and seconded by Doug Ficken to purchase the proposed 2009 CAT 120 MAWD Motor Grader with trade-in for \$176,000. All in favor and the motion passed.
- k. Frank Heald said the grader would come with fenders for an additional \$2,500.

Adjourn:

- a. Motion by Doug Ficken to adjourn and seconded by Bruce Schmidt. All in favor and the motion passed.
- b. Meeting adjourned at 8:06 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Pam Cruickshank
Acting Clerk

Howard Barton Jr., Chairman

John Neal

Bruce Schmidt

Brett Sanderson

Douglas Ficken