**Dutton Town Council Emergency Meeting Minutes**

**August 21, 2019**

**Call to Order**

Mayor Fleshman called the meeting of August 21, 2019 to order at 7:00 pm at the Dutton Town Hall. She informed the public that there will also be time for questions after all the information has been explained, and the Council has had a chance to discuss the issue at hand.

**Present**

**Mayor** Susan Fleshman; **Councilpersons**: Bob Dauwalder, Candace Ellsworth, Pete Klein, and Pat Bayala. **Public Works Director /Finance Officer/Clerk** Jeremiah Kjensmo; **Public:** Randy Rossmiller, Charlie Horak, Gordon Berchard, David Evans, Collette Wilson.

**Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**Mayors Explanation of the Situation**

Mayor Fleshman explains that it has been discovered that during the previous winter the Town water tank had been damaged by ice build up that damaged the center support column, that coupled with the weight had folded the roof in, causing the support beams to crash to the floor, bringing the circulation mixer down with them. She explains that we have already gotten an inspection and video survey of the damage done by Liquid Engineering when they came to clean and inspect the tank as part of phase one of the current water project.

Mayor Fleshman goes on to explain the cost of repairing the current tank is estimated at $720,000, and the cost to replace it entirely with a new glass infused tank rated to last over 30 years without re-coating or anything would be $760,000. She says the third option is to do nothing and wait through the winter to see if it holds.

Mayor Fleshman asks the Council to decide which way they would like to proceed and asked if anyone on the Council had any questions, or anything they needed clarification on.

Councilwoman Bayala asked if the temporary storage solution would be included in that cost estimate. The Mayor says it is all included in the estimate.

Councilman Dauwalder expresses his opinion that we should get started on the design phase and seek funding as soon as possible.

Councilman Klein expresses that we shouldn’t even be thinking about repairing a tank that old when a new tank is so similarly priced, we should have it replaced.

This ends the Council questions and the Mayor opens the floor for public comment.

Charlie Horak asks about what kind of insurance the Town has against such an event. The Mayor explains that we are still just in the early stages of filing the claim with our insurance company, and explains who MMIA is, and that we really don’t know a lot on that end, but it would certainly be figured out and any payout would go towards the new tank.

Gordon Berchard asks if there have been any contamination issues with the tank damaged. It is explained to him that at this time there has been none, and no real concern if the tank remains sealed as it is now.

Randy Rossmiller comments that it would be silly to repair when it is only roughly 5% more to get a whole new tank.

Public Comment is closed and Mayor Fleshman asks the Council how they would like to proceed.

Councilman Dauwalder made a motion to move forward with design of a new tank and not fix the old. Councilwoman Bayala seconds the motion. Motion carries unanimously.

Mayor Fleshman adjourns the meeting at 8:15pm

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**Susan Fleshman, Mayor** **Jeremiah Kjensmo, Clerk**