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MEMBERS PRESENT

Councilman Robert Seager
Councilwoman Nancy Kardash
Councilman William Karn
Supervisor William Hasenauer
Deputy Supervisor John Isley
Highway Superintendent William Gardner
Shelley Entwistle- Town Clerk

MEMBERS ABSENT

Councilwoman Joanne Kwasniewski

Dawn Campbell- Bookkeeper to the Supervisor

Ben Maslona- Fiscal Advisors

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

DISCUSSION:

Supervisor Hasenauer stated that the purpose of this meeting is to review different finance options for paying back the \$650,000 loan for the Twin Bridges. He stated that our initial one year note is due to expire on April 4, 2014. He would like to go with the option that is less expensive and have the loan payed off within fifteen years.

Ben Maslona of Fiscal Advisors reviewed the six finance options (please see attached) with the board. Mr. Maslona stated that some of the benefits of staying with one-year BANs are low interest rates and flexibility. He also stated that the town can only do one year BANs for five years and then has to switch to long term financing (bonds), according to Finance Law. The six (estimated) options are as follows:

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| 1. 5 Year BANs, 15 Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs= \$902,952.50 |
| 2. 1 Year BAN, 19 Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs= \$963,120.00 |
| 3. 1 Year BAN, 14 Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs=\$882,617.50 |
| 4. 5 Year BANs, 10 Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs=\$833,352.50 |
| 5. 1 Year BAN, 9 Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs = \$805,415.00 |
| 6. 5 Year BANs, 5Year Bond | Estimated debt and costs=\$765,035.00 |

Discussion among the board took place regarding these options.

Discussion took place regarding putting as much money on the principle balance in the first five years as possible, therefore reducing the amount paid in interest. The board agreed that this is a good idea.

Councilman Karn reported that the total cost thus far for the bridges is \$579,584.00. He discussed the possibility of reducing the amount borrowed to \$600,000 or less. Discussion followed.

Mr. Maslona stated that he does not believe the town needs to go for a credit rating because the length of the loan does not exceed twenty years. He also stated that the town has the option to incorporate other highway equipment such as a new truck into this loan.

The board agreed that option #4 (5 Year BANs, 10 Year Bond) is the best financial option for the town.

BRIDGE REPORT:

Supervisor Hasenauer and Highway Superintendent William Gardner stated that there are cracks in the sidewalk the length of the bridges. Mr. Gardner stated that he has spoken with Town Attorney Riley and the NYS DOT regarding the opening of the Twin Bridges. They advised Mr. Gardner that the bridges cannot reopen until the guardrails and signs are in place.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:20 pm by Supervisor Hasenauer.

Respectfully submitted,

Shelley T. Entwistle
Forestport Town Clerk