

November 5, 2012

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Tom Pinch called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Tom Pinch, Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels and John Kreul. Tom Cody was excused. Others present were Tom Hebgen, Daniel Swinehart, Bart Nies and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on November 2, 2012. Susan Washa motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Budget Public Hearing

Approve Office Furnace Replacement – Susan Washa motioned to approve Hying Hardware's bid for the replacement of the office furnace with an Amana model at a cost of \$3,298.00. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Amendment to 2012 General Budget/Adopt Budget Resolution No. 1-2012 – Susan Washa motioned to Adopt Budget Resolution No. 1-2012 for a net change in revenues and expenditures of \$22,734.48. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Approve Town & Country Sanitation 5% rate increase – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve Town & Country Sanitation's 5% rate increase for garbage & recycling service. Dennis Richgels seconded. Motion carried.

Approve 2013 Wages – John Kreul motioned to approve a 2% wage increase for all employees. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Approve 2013 Village Apartment rate increase – Susan Washa motioned to raise the 2013 Village Apartment rent to \$180.00 effective January 1, 2013. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote "Aye": Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Approve 2013 Stray Animal Contract with Iowa County Humane Society – Susan Washa motioned to approve the 2013 Stray Animal Contract with Iowa County Humane Society and to designate Daniel Swinehart as the Municipality's Representative. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Review 2013 General Budget/Adopt Budget Resolution and Tax Levy – Susan Washa motioned to set the 2013 Village of Highland Tax Levy at \$140,621.29. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried. Caleb Buroker motioned to adopt the 2013 General Budget with total revenues and expenditures of \$623,901.40. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Discussion/Decision on Well #2 Upgrade Construction Project – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering was here to present to the board two proposals for the well house upgrade for the CDBG-PF Grant Application. First proposal was for the well house with an attached garage with an estimated price of \$422,740.00. Second proposal was for just the well house with an estimated price of \$310,300.00. Zach Washa motioned to have Bart proceed with the second proposal for the CDBG-PF grant application. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – Becky Fredericks informed the board that Jeff Michek is inquiring about the village property on Industrial Drive that connects to the property he recently purchased. He is wondering if the Village would be interested in selling the property. More research on the property needs to be looked into before any further discussion because the parcel is in the TID.

Update on Delinquent Personal Property Taxes – take action, if necessary – Tom Pinch motioned that the delinquent personal property taxes be submitted to Iowa County Small Claims. Susan Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Wolfe Land LLC Certified Survey Map – At a November 1, 2012 Planning Commission meeting the committee made the recommendation for the Village Board to approve the Certified Survey Map for Wolfe Land LLC. Susan Washa motioned to approve the Certified Survey Map for Wolfe Land LLC. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Wolfe Land LLC Zoning Change – At a November 1, 2012 Planning Commission meeting the committee made the recommendation for the Village Board to approve the zoning change for Wolfe Land LLC. Caleb Buroker motioned to approve the Zoning Change for Wolfe Land LLC. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Approve Water Simplified Rate Case Application – Susan Washa motioned to approve the filing of the Simplified Rate Case Application with an effective date for the new rates of January 1, 2013. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Conventional Rate Case Application for 2013 Test Year – Tom Pinch motioned to approve filing a Conventional Rate Case Application for 2013 test year. John Kreul seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Discuss/Approve Sewer Rate Increase – Susan Washa motioned to approve a 5% sewer rate increase effective January 1, 2013. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Zach Washa motioned to approve the October 1, 2012 Board Meeting minutes and the October 8, 2012 Special Village Board Meeting minutes. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried.

Zach Washa left at 8:18 p.m.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Susan Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$20,760.29, Sewer Account \$1,749.64, Water Account \$2,098.75 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Caleb Buroker seconded. Dennis Richgels abstained. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Sewer – Tom Hebgen informed the board that there was a sewer line backup at Bart & Jill Imhoff’s, our insurance company is currently working with them. He is not sure what caused the drain to plug up. Bytec is starting tomorrow at the WWTP.

Park – Tom Pinch asked the board their opinion on the skating rink for this year. He thinks that the skaters that used it in the past have moved or are going someplace else. We will wait and see for now.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted. Daniel Swinehart informed the board that while attending the BOTS luncheon in Stevens Point he won a sign that has 3 options to use for an enforcement – such as seatbelt enforcement ahead. He also informed the board that he is still working on getting the MDC up and running.

Set December Board Meeting – December board meeting will be December 3, 2012.

Adjournment – Susan Washa motioned to adjourn at 8:33 p.m. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer