

**January 7, 2013**

**REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING**

**Call to Order/Roll Call** – Village President Tom Pinch called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels and Tom Pinch. John Kreul was excused. Others present were Bart Nies, Ted Greenheck, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks. Tom Hebgen arrived at 8:00.

**Certification/Compliance** – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on January 4, 2013. Dennis Richgels motioned as to compliance with open meeting law. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Public Input – not for action – None**

**Prospect St Project – Approve final plans and submittal for request for bids** – Bart Nies of Delta 3 Engineering showed the plans for the Prospect St Project. After some discussion the board had 3 options:

- Option #1 – Approve plans as submitted for a cost of \$79,845.00
- Option #2 – Add more inlets at a cost of an additional \$5,000 to \$6,000
- Option #3 – Add curb & gutter for an additional cost of \$7,000 to \$10,000

Susan Washa motioned to approve the final plans with the addition of curb & gutter to the Prospect St project and to submit revised plans for bid. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels and Tom Pinch. Motion carried. Bid opening date will be February 1, 2013 at the Village Hall at 1:00 p.m. Bart Nies will bring his recommendations and the Village Board will award/deny bids at the February 4, 2013 Regular Village Board Meeting.

**Discussion/Approve Progressive Way Residential Lot Prices – Ted Greenheck of Driftless Area LLC to address the board** – Options were discussed on ways to get the residential lots to sell. Ted will get a proposal drawn up and Tom Pinch said we will hold a Public Property Meeting before the next board meeting to discuss.

**Reminder of April as the Village of Highland Fair Housing Month** – Per our decision with the CDBG-PF Paperwork the Village needed to declare a month to be Fair Housing Month. Village President, Tom Pinch informed the board that a Fair Housing Ordinance was passed December 21, 1984 and a Proclamation was signed declaring April as Fair Housing Month and therefore he is once again declaring April as Fair Housing Month.

**Review/Approve Use Facilities Agreement for the SUN Program** – Tom Cody motioned to approve the Use Facilities Agreement for the SUN Program. Dennis Richgels seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Susan Washa, Dennis Richgels and Tom Pinch. Motion carried.

**Review/Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa County for the Statewide Voter Registration System** – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve the

Memorandum of Understanding with Iowa County for the Statewide Voter Registration System. Susan Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Our Town Discussion** – Some items were discussed with further discussion at the February board meeting.

**Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings** – Susan Washa motioned to approve the Citizen Participation Plan Public Hearing Minutes and the December 3, 2012 Board Meeting minutes. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

**Authorize Payment of Bills** – Susan Washa motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$229,596.19, Sewer Account \$470.96, Water Account \$470.96 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried. The remaining 2012 bills that were approved for payment at the December 3, 2012 meeting were: General Account \$11,013.54, Sewer Account \$12,175.01 and Water Account \$16,149.92.

**Committee Reports:**

**Economic Development** – Tom Pinch talked to Mike Eppley of Midwest Poultry and he is optimistic to be processing chickens by spring.

**Law Enforcement** – Report submitted. Daniel Swinehart informed the board that he will be ordering his new computer estimate is \$579.00 and Microsoft Office 2010 for \$279.00 for multiple users which he plans to install on the new computer, squad car computer and Tom Hebgen's computer.

**Parks** – Discussion on the kitchen sink drain repairs. Tom Hebgen will plan to get prices to fix drain pipes etc...have a couple different options to look into.

**Set February Board Meeting** – February board meeting will be February 4, 2013.

**Adjournment** – Susan Washa motioned to adjourn at 8:17 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer