

July 8, 2013

REGULAR VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

Call to Order/Roll Call – Village President Susan Washa called this Regular Village Board meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Roll call was taken with the following members present: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Others present were Bart Nies, Carol Wirth, Brandon Wirth, Tom & Nancy Bomkamp, Bart Imhoff, Mike Aide, Tom Hebgen, Joe Bartosh, Daniel Swinehart and Becky Fredericks.

Certification/Compliance – Clerk certified that notice of meeting was posted on June 28, 2013 and revised at 7:15 a.m. on July 8, 2013. Dennis Richgels motioned as to in compliance with open meeting law. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Public Input – not for action – None

Approve Prospect St/Maddrell Excavating Pay Request #3 & Approve Prospect St/Maddrell Excavating Change Order #1 - Zach Washa motioned to approve Maddrell Excavating final Pay Request #3 and Change Order #1 for \$7,024.82. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Discuss Financing/Refinancing Options – take action, if necessary – Carol Wirth of Wisconsin Public Finance Professionals was present to show the board some refinancing options thru general obligation refunding bonds for the State Trust Fund Loans and the TID #2 Loan with Highland State Bank. After a lengthy discussion the board decided to hold off on making a decision until they find out what is going to happen with the financing for the remainder of the Well House Project. We will look at this again after the beginning of the year.

Discuss Hwy 80 & East Circle Drive Intersection – Bart Imhoff, Tom & Nancy Bomkamp and Mike Aide were present to talk to the board about the Hwy 80 & East Circle Drive Intersection. Bart addressed his concerns with the water issues from the excessive rain, informing the board that he has had water in his basement at least 5 times since 2005. Bart Nies made a few recommendations: #1 – the storm sewer pipe could be upsized, #2 – retention/detention basins could be created and #3 – more storm sewer pipes could be installed before the problem area. He did inform the board that what should be done first is to find out what the existing storm sewer pipes can take on before any kind of decision/resolution can be looked into and addressed. The Village needs to try and get a meeting with the State Department of Transportation because this involves the design of State Hwy 80. Tom Hebgen has talked to Randy Sudmeier at Iowa County Highway Department and he informed Tom that the State will more than likely state that the issues are the Village’s problems and that their highway is right. Tom will try to see if he can get a State DOT representative to come to the August meeting and Bart Nies will get some calculations on the existing storm sewer for a future meeting.

Approve Prospect St Loan with Highland State Bank – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve a 5 year loan at 2% interest with Highland State Bank for \$23,000 for the Prospect St Construction Project. Zach Washa seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Approve Truck Loan with Highland State Bank – Zach Washa motioned to approve a 5 year loan at 2% interest with Highland State Bank for \$30,000 for the purchase of the new Maintenance truck. Caleb Buroker seconded. Roll call vote “Aye”: Zach Washa, Caleb Buroker, Tom Cody, Sue Colburn, Dennis Richgels, John Kreul and Susan Washa. Motion carried.

Discuss Token of Appreciation – take action, if necessary – Clerk Becky Fredericks had informed the board that Neil Michek has helped tremendously with the Conventional Rate Case application and thought that it would be a great idea to give him some token of appreciation for his help. After some discussion, Dennis Richgels motioned to approve a gift of 5 Our Town Chicken dinner tickets and a \$50 gift certificate from Grandma’s Kitchen. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Park Committee Recommendations – take action, if necessary – The board was informed that Evie Ferguson has been staining the benches and scraping and sanding picnic tables and that Lori Miller has been hired to do work in the park for the month of July, she will be staining & painting the play equipment along with a few other tasks. Main discussion was the park kitchen floor, which needs to be fixed. Tom Hebgen will get estimates for jackhammering out the entire floor and re-pouring a cement floor, possibly stamped concrete. Dennis Richgels will talk to Elsie Niebuhr about the Board’s idea since she is interested in giving a donation to have it fixed.

Approve/Deny Midwest Poultry & Ratite Processors LLC Water/Sewer Application – Dennis Richgels motioned to approve Midwest Poultry and Ratite Processors LLC Water/Sewer Application. John Kreul seconded. Motion carried. Note on this application will be that Tom Hebgen will be testing BODs and Suspended Solids as he deems necessary.

Discuss Mutual Aid Agreement with Village of Avoca – take action, if necessary – Daniel Swinehart presented the Mutual Aid Agreement to the board. Susan Washa informed the board that she contacted Iowa County Sheriff’s Department and their main point that the Village should be concerned with is liability issues. The agreement states that the liability remains with the employing municipality. After some more discussion, Zach Washa motioned to approve the Police Department Mutual Aid Agreement with the Village of Avoca Police Department. Caleb Buroker seconded. Motion carried.

Discuss Mutual Aid Policy – take action, if necessary – Tom Cody motioned to approve the Police Department Mutual Aid Policy. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Approve Members of Blackhawk Lake Commission Appointment Committee –

This will be tabled to a future meeting once Susan Washa is able to discuss the committee with the Town of Highland board.

Our Town Update – Set Chix BBQ price – Chicken Dinner will be \$10 with a free beverage. Discussion on a tent and placement, Tom Cody will check with Pat Benish to see if he still has his tent and how much it costs to rent and will let the clerk know. If Pat doesn't have a tent then we will contact Mueller Implement. Clerk informed the board that Todd Michek had emailed her about the Volleyball Tournament and wanted to know what to tell him since the board had decided not to have the tournament this year due to too many of the players bringing in their own beverages. Clerk is to let Todd know that due to this we will not be having a volleyball tournament this year and that a Class Reunion has requested to use the volleyball shelter.

Approve Minutes of Previous Meetings – Tom Cody motioned to approve the June 3, 2013 Board Meeting minutes and the June 19, 2013 Park Committee Meeting minutes. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Authorize Payment of Bills – Caleb Buroker motioned to approve payment of bills as presented: General Account \$17,869.95, Sewer Account \$12,801.98, Water Account \$6,402.01 and TID #2 Account \$3,897.34. Tom Cody seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Water – Tom Hebgen informed the board that the Well House project will be starting this week.

Law Enforcement – Report submitted.

Set August Board Meeting – August board meeting will be August 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. and possibly meeting at the Hwy 80 & East Circle Drive intersection if we can get a representative from the State Department of Transportation to come to the meeting.

Adjournment – Caleb Buroker motioned to adjourn at 10:09 p.m. Zach Washa seconded. Motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Becky Fredericks, Clerk-Treasurer